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Forty-three killed, 114 injured in rebel rocket attacks on Kabul

KABUL, July 22, (AP): Muslim rebels fired eight rockets into the city today, killing at least 43 people and wounding more than 100 in the heaviest rebel attack yet on the capital, government and hospital sources said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Nabi Amani said 40 people were reported killed and 114 injured. But hospital sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least three of the injured later succumbed to their wounds.

"The most obvious reaction on the part of the government would be to retaliate," Amani said.

At least 20 of the victims died when a rocket hit a bus terminal in the city centre, he said. The other casualties were reported from a marketplace and a building being constructed near the Foreign Ministry, he said.

The bus terminal was crowded with people trying to reach offices when the rocket hit the area at 10 am (0500 GMT), survivors said.

"I was selling cigarettes when suddenly I heard a loud bang and people around me started screaming," said Mohammad Abdullah, a 16-year-old vendor. "That is the last thing I remember."

Lebanese huddle in night of terror

Fires out of control; victims wait under rubble

BEIRUT, July 22, (AP): Apartment buildings burned out of control today and cars smoldered in streets carpeted with rubble after nine hours of artillery battles across Beirut between Syrian and Lebanese Christian forces.

Police said six people were killed and 52 wounded overnight as hundreds of thousands of people in Beirut and its environs huddled in basements and bomb shelters.

The latest casualties raised the overall toll to 440 killed and 1,836

wounded in the 18-week confrontation between Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's mainly Christian troops and the Syrians.

A police spokesman said at some points an average of 60 artillery shells and rockets rained down on the city.

"Several casualties remained under the rubble for quite a long time, simply because no one had a telephone line to request help from rescuers," the police spokesman said, insisting on anonymity in line with standing regulations.

Shellfire severed power cables, leaving the city, where power is supplied for only one-two hours every 24, in total darkness.

The only lights that illuminated the skies were the flashes of exploding shells.

The divided capital shook as Syrian gunners entrenched in West Beirut operated their Soviet-designed 122mm BM-21 multi-barrelled rocket launchers that fire 40 projectiles a minute.

The rockets blasted residential districts in Christian East Beirut, the coastline to the north and hills to the east and northeast.

Aoun's troops opened up with 155mm howitzers and 130mm mortars, targeting mainly Syrian military positions, but many rounds ricocheted to nearby areas.

The right-wing Lebanese forces coalition of Christian militias fired randomly onto West Beirut and its suburbs, sparing no neighbourhood in retaliation for the Syrian barrages.

Ambulances drove on sidewalks, hugging the walls of high-rise apartment buildings for cover. Through loudspeakers they shouted: "A civil defence team is in the area. Please notify us if you need any help."

"Over here. Over here," a man's voice echoed in the densely populated West Beirut neighbourhood of Zaidaniyeh. The rescuers rushed in the dark in the direction of the voice to find a family trapped under a demolished house.

In the district of Koreitem, artillery rounds blasted a building while inhabitants were in the underground shelter.

When the shelling eased, Soumaya Medawar emerged from hiding to find her apartment in rubble. Unable to cope with the shock, Mrs Medawar, 68, suffered a heart attack and died instantly.

Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who heads a cabinet competing for legitimacy with the Christian government under Aoun, contacted by telephone with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, sources in Riyadh said.

Fahd, the sources said refusing to be identified, affirmed the Arab committee's determination to "intensify efforts and fast to put an end to the tragic deterioration."

Iran bags carpets

NICOSIA, July 22, (Reuters): Iran said today it had made its biggest seizure of contraband carpets in a decade, uncovering a cargo worth millions of dollars hidden in tanker trucks.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said two people had been arrested in connection with the plot to smuggle out 774 handwoven carpets.

It quoted a security official as saying the consignment was worth tens of billions of rials, at the black market exchange rate.

Green line bleeds red

BEIRUT, July 22, (Reuters): Christian 12-year-old George Malkie lay dying of shrapnel wounds in a Beirut hospital today, three days after the same injury killed his Muslim best friend.

"I carried my George on my arms and tried to run outside for help but the door was stuck because of the pressure of the exploding shell ... please, please somebody help me," I screamed, the boy's mother said as she sat in vigil by his bedside.

"Seconds later, I felt a hot liquid spilling over my arms. It was my baby's blood," sobbed Afifeh Malkie.

George was hit by a shrapnel from artillery and rocket duels which have rocked Beirut.

Earlier this week his best friend Rahib Mohammed Kabbani, also 12, was hit by shrapnel minutes after he returned home from playing with George in their West Beirut neighbourhood. Rahib died on Wednesday.

The boy's parents are also friends, raising their families in a suburb which has enjoyed relatively peaceful co-existence between Muslims and Christians despite more than 14 years of sectarian war.

The families are poor and take no political stance. Their only desire is to survive the war, in which more than 450 people have died since mid-March alone.

George lay today connected by tubes to life-support systems. His doctors expect him to die at any time.

"How can a human live with an empty skull?" one asked out of hearing of the mother.

But Afifeh refused to give up hope. "God willing, he is going to be fine and we will all return home and enjoy his cheerful spirit again," she told Reuters.

"God will not take him from me .. not now, please, I haven't enjoyed raising him yet."

'Peace initiative failed'

KUWAIT, July 22, (AP): A senior Palestinian official was quoted today as saying that moderates within the PLO can no longer convince hardliners of the value of peace overtures with Israel.

Salah Khalaf, co-founder of the movement, warned in an interview with the newspaper Al Qabas of a resurgence of radicalism within Fatah, the mainstream PLO factions, because of "US failure to respond to Palestinian peace inclinations."

"We support the notion that all factions including the hardliners should express themselves, because their viewpoints may be better than ours after our peace initiative failed in dealing with Israel and the United States," he said.

Khalaf is second-in-command of Fatah, which is headed by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Interviewed in Tunis, he said: "We, in Fatah, are extremely disappointed ... we are called upon to reappraise our previous steps and embark on a new approach with the United States, Israel and all that is taking place in the region."

He said: "We are not sorry for launching the PLO peace initiative because we uncovered the US intentions and deprived the pro-US Arabs of a pretext to criticize the PLO."

Khalaf recently met twice with US Ambassador to Tunis Robert Pelletreau.

Two die in LA shotgun attack

LOS ANGELES, July 22, (Reuters): A masked gunman dressed in black opened fire with a sawed-off shotgun in a crowded Los Angeles church last night, killing two women and wounding a man.

Churchgoers said most of the people fell to the floor. After firing three shots, the gunman ran out of the church, they said. The two women killed, aged 35 and 70, had been members of the church for many years.



Schools reopen

A Palestinian schoolgirl and an Israeli soldier exchange glances as the girl returns from her first day back at school. More than 200,000 Palestinian children returned to schools yesterday which have been closed for more than a year in the occupied West Bank. (Reuters wirephoto) (See story on Page 9)

Bush nominates Gulf envoys

WASHINGTON, July 22, (AP): President Bush yesterday announced he will nominate Charles Warren Hostler as ambassador to Bahrain and Mark Gregory Hambley as emissary to Qatar.

Hambley is Consul General in Alexandria, Egypt and has served in postings in Vietnam, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Tunisia and Libya. He received the State Department's Meritorious Honour award in 1976 and 1979.

Hostler heads his own investment company in San Diego, and previously served as deputy secretary in the Commerce Department and worked for defence contractors McDonnell Douglas and Douglas Aircraft.

The calls Kuwait can't collect

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

AN investigation is under way at the Kuwait Ministry of Communications to pinpoint a fault in its international exchange system that could cost the ministry hundreds of thousands of dinars.

Walid Al-Jabir, the director of the ministry's local network office, said a number of international calls made in June, and perhaps in July as well, went unregistered making it impossible for the ministry to charge the callers.

He refused to speculate on the extent of the damage or the number of calls that were lost but said subscribers made on average about KD 70,000 worth of international calls per week.

A local Arabic daily said yesterday that records for more than 500,000 international calls made last month had been lost and blamed a computer failure.

but Al-Jabir denied that the error had been identified. "The fault is either technical or administrative but we are still not in a position to lay the blame," he said.

The official explained that all international calls are taped as well as registered by the computer. The tapes are sent to the finance department responsible for the billing. He said it was not clear yet at what point and how the system broke.

A team of experts is currently trying to determine the nature of the error and whether it was committed by the ministry staff or the equipment suppliers, L.M. Ericson from Sweden.



Set himself ablaze

A street vendor, angered by a government ban on his business in downtown Seoul, set himself on fire on Saturday, witnesses said.

Police said the vendor, Park Ho-Kyu, 25, suffered second-degree burns on his hands, neck and chest. Witnesses said he poured gasoline over his body and set himself ablaze during a clash with riot police in front of Myeongdong cathedral in central Seoul.

Police immediately put out the fire with portable fire extinguishers and took the

man to a nearby hospital, witnesses said.

The man, who sold hats near the plush Lotte Hotel, was among about 2,000 street vendors who demonstrated against a government decree banning them from areas of downtown Seoul.

The street vendors, throwing rocks and firebombs, fought police for several hours around the cathedral. Police protected themselves with interlocked shields and did not use tear-gas.

Aide to Zia held in death of Shiite

ISLAMABAD, July 22, (Agencies): Retired Lt. Gen. Fazle Haq, former right-hand man of the late President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, was arrested today by provincial police on suspicion of inciting the murder last year of a prominent Shiite leader.

Haq and his brother-in-law Hashim Khan are wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of militant Shiite Muslim cleric Arif Hussain Al Hussain last year when Haq was Chief Minister of North West Frontier Province under General Zia.

Hashim Khan, a member of the Senate (upper house of Parliament), has eluded arrest since his supporters drove him out of a court last month after he was refused bail.

Haq, previously granted an interim bail by the Lahore high court, appeared before the Peshawar high court today for a bail review. The Peshawar court cancelled the interim bail and ordered Haq taken into custody.

It took provincial police almost two hours to get the former Pakistani general into the police van, following a tug-of-war with supporters who tried to block the arrest. The location of his jail cell was kept secret.

Al Hussain, a bitter critic of late General Zia and his policies, was murdered on July 25, 1988, about a month before Zia himself was killed in an aircraft crash.

Haq won a national assembly seat in last year's elections but was forced to give up control of the provincial government after Al Hussain's alleged assassination surfaced and confessed that Haq had paid him to murder the Shiite leader.

Haq told reporters after his arrest that he would fight the charges "on both the legal and political fronts."



Walid Al-Jabir

State suspends Vienna hand

US diplomat could be spy

WASHINGTON, July 22, (Agencies): In what appears to be a major espionage investigation, the State Department said it suspended an Austrian-born senior US diplomat because of alleged unauthorized dealings with Soviet agents.

Felix Bloch, 54, allegedly passed a briefcase to a Soviet contact in Vienna while the incident was videotaped by agents who had him under surveillance, ABC news reported last night.

The network did not say when the alleged incident took place but reported that Bloch had his first known contact with the Soviet Union three years ago.

The 30-year career US diplomat has been placed on leave and his State Department security pass was revoked, department spokesman Richard Boncher said.

Bloch was suspended from his duties as a senior official in the State Department's Bureau of European Affairs, where he worked on economic issues, the spokesman said.

State Department sources who asked not to be identified confirmed that a compromise of security had occurred and said Bloch's identification as a Soviet contact was a devastating setback for the foreign service.

The FBI, which is in charge of counter-intelligence operations, identified Bloch as having unauthorized contacts with the Soviet Union, the State Department said. The department, in confirming the FBI charges, did not say Bloch was under arrest.

The investigation took colleagues and friends in Vienna by surprise. "He's the last person you would suspect of spying for the Soviet Union," one source in Vienna said. "This is a shock not so much because he could have been involved, but because it was someone you got along with well."

Investigators are looking into the theory that Bloch was disgruntled at being passed over for an ambassadorial post after having "paid his dues" in service under two different ambassadors, Helmut von Damm



Felix Bloch

and Ronald Lauder, a senior department source told the Washington Post.

But one former associate said Bloch never indicated his displeasure.

"He could have been upset, but he didn't show it," the associate said. Bloch was described by colleagues as having a "normal professional relationship" with both Von Damm and Lauder, a cosigner of the Vienna Declaration on the Republic of Austria's nomination in New York City.

One diplomatic source in Vienna called Bloch "a very serious, very professional man. You would go through the fire for him," he said. There was no answer when reporters went to Bloch's home yesterday and Bloch stopped going to his office about a month ago, the Post reported.

Bloch was generally familiar with economic issues and as deputy chief of the US mission in Vienna would have had access to all department cable traffic between European embassies and Washington, officials said.

MPs will resign in attempt to oust Rajiv

NEW DELHI, July 22, (AP): Members from major opposition parties escalated their confrontation today saying they will resign from Parliament to force the ouster of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi over an arms purchase scandal.

"The national opposition will resign because of the government's obduracy," said Mohan Guruswamy, a member of the Janata Dal Party. "Final touches to the decision are being given in consultation with all major opposition leaders."

Guruswamy said the Janata Dal, the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Telugu Desam, the two major communist parties and other regional groups were participating in the discussions. Press Trust of India news agency said a final decision was expected to be announced tomorrow.

The parties hold about 70 seats in the 544-member Lok Sabha, or house of people.

"This will clearly be a major issue in the elections," Guruswamy said. Rajiv must call polls to the Lok Sabha no later than December.

The opposition decision followed three days of uproar in Parliament, sparked by an auditor's report that said the government committed lapses in the 1986 purchase of artillery guns from Sweden.

Opposition members stalled proceedings by raising anti-government slogans in the house and demanding Rajiv's resignation.

The \$1.4-billion deal has been a major scandal for Rajiv's government because of allegations that the Swedish firm AB Bofors paid kickbacks to secure the contract.

Pakistan can arm F-16s with nukes

HAMBURG, July 22, (AP): Pakistan has developed technology to outfit US-made F-16 fighter jets with nuclear weapons, a news magazine reported today.

The Hamburg-based Der Spiegel, quoting unidentified West German intelligence officials, said Pakistan had computer and electronic technology to make it possible for its F-16s to carry nuclear bombs.

Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser to US President George Bush, said last month that the United States would sell 60 new F-16s to Pakistan, which already has 40 of the planes.

Spiegel quoted unnamed sources in Bonn as saying that the government is upset about the F-16 deal because US officials have sharply criticised similar West German exports to other coun-

tries. A summary of Spiegel's report, which is to appear in its Monday edition, was telexed to other news media.

West Germany's export laws have been under intense fire for loopholes that have allegedly allowed shipments of sensitive materials to countries with purported plans to use them for military purposes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Genscher in hospital

BONN, July 22 (AP): Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was receiving intensive care treatment today after suffering a mild heart attack, spokesmen said.

The mass-circulation newspaper Bild quoted Genscher's main spokesman, Jürgen Chrobog, as saying the foreign minister will probably require doctor's care "for several weeks."

Another Foreign Ministry spokesman said Genscher was being treated in an intensive-care unit of a Bonn hospital.

Cult novelist dies

LONDON, July 22 (AP): Award-winning satirist Nigel Dennis, who with the black humour of the book "Cards of Identity" won cult status among disenchanted young Britons in the 1950s, has died, his family announced today.

The novelist, playwright and reviewer, 77, died on Wednesday after what his family described as a long illness. The funeral was scheduled for Monday in London.

Officers arrested

KAMPALA, July 22 (Reuters): Uganda has arrested several Army officers blamed for the deaths of 47 teen-age prisoners, some as young as 12, who suffocated in an abandoned train, state radio said today.

The teenagers, arrested in a recent roundup of suspected rebel sympathizers in eastern Uganda, had been left without food or water for three days, the radio said.

The government now says they were innocent.

Mistake made

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP): A Korean Air Lines supervisor agreed in 1983 that a navigation mistake by the crew of ill-fated Flight 007 led to the shootdown of the plane by the Soviet Union, an analyst who studied the tragedy testified Wednesday.

Frank Houston of Seattle told a US district court jury that KAL's chief trainer of pilots, Yoon Bae Kim, "agreed by shaking his head in the affirmative" about the idea that the plane had been off-course almost from the minute it took off from Anchorage, Alaska.

Houston and Kim were among a group of aviation experts who looked into the shootdown over Soviet territory, which killed all 269 people aboard the plane.

Pan Am comment

LONDON, July 22 (AP): A Pan Am jet carrying a flight crew but no passengers diverted to Heathrow Airport last night after the pilot reported a fault in one of the jet's hydraulic systems, the airline said.

The Boeing 727 was "diverted" from Frankfurt, West Germany, to Keflavik, Iceland, and then to New York on a routine flight to the aircraft, said Alan Loh, a Pan Am spokesman in New York.

The pilot reported a fault in one of the jet's hydraulic systems while over the Atlantic Ocean and returned to London for repairs, Loh said.

Plane ditches

ST GEORGE'S, Canada, July 22 (AP): A single-engine propeller plane out of gas ditched in the ocean just short of Grenada's chief airport yesterday, but the two occupants were rescued unharmed, officials said.

The Piper aircraft had left Barbados yesterday afternoon and subsequently ditched in the ocean, and that it "was unable to navigate due to instrument failure," the Grenada Airport Authority said.

The authority said two commercial aircraft helped to guide the plane toward Grenada before it ditched in waters 2 and 1/2 miles (4 kilometres) west of Grenada's international airport.

Food scare

LONDON, July 22 (KUNA): The discovery of glass in four tins of baked beans has sparked today another food scare in the UK.

The company, HP, said the contaminated tins were discovered in Yorkshire, northern England. They had been produced at its canning plant in north Walsham, Norfolk, southern England.

The company urged householders to check the base of all 15 ounce cans for control number 9216BBD. The batch includes thousands of cans.

About 96,000 cans with this number were produced by the firm. Some supermarkets are withdrawing their stock of the beans as a precautionary measure.

Wife-battering

LONDON, July 22 (KUNA): The British government is to seek new ways of helping the victims of domestic violence, it was reported here today.

Ministers believe that the 22,000 cases of wife-battering reported each year represent a significant under-reporting and studies are to be undertaken to see with extra help can be given, the Times newspaper pointed out.

O'Keefe dies

BOSTON, July 22 (AP): Bernard J. O'Keefe, who helped develop America's first nuclear bomb and later spoke out against the dangers of nuclear war, has died at his home here. He was 69.

O'Keefe joined the high-technology research and defence consulting company E-G-and-G in 1947 and served as its chief executive officer from 1965 to 1983. He was chairman of the board from 1972 until 1985.

Quake causes panic

PONTA DELGADA, Azores Islands, July 22 (AP): A moderate earthquake measuring 6 on the Mercalli scale rocked Sao Miguel Island in Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores archipelago today, causing panic and leading local authorities to seal off a popular lakeside beauty spot.

The quake was the most serious of more than 100 earth tremors registered on the island in the past 10 days. Coming at 5 (0500 GMT), it shook homes across a large part of the island, but caused no injuries or serious damage.

Papandreou may be probed in phone scandal

ATHENS, July 22 (AP): The dominant party in Greece's coalition government asked Parliament yesterday to investigate allegations that former Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreou ordered politicians' phones tapped.

The proposal, submitted by 144 deputies of the centre-right New Democracy Party, was expected to pass in the 300-seat Parliament with the support of the 28 deputies of the communist-led coalition of the left and progress, which governs with New Democracy.

The proposal accuses Papandreou of ordering taps on the telephones of President Christos Sartzetakis, political rivals, his own cabinet ministers and military officials.

It also charges that the three former heads of the ministry of transport and communications were involved in the alleged eavesdropping.

Papandreou was premier for eight years but his Panhellenic Socialist Movement lost in last month's

general elections. New Democracy and the communist-led group agreed to form a short-term coalition aimed at investigating scandals that occurred during Papandreou's rule.

New Democracy's proposal to set up a 12-member committee to investigate the phone-tapping charges will be discussed by the unicameral parliament next Thursday.

"We propose criminal prosecution... on the accountability of government members and mini-

sters," the proposal said.

According to the proposal, Papandreou bears chief responsibility for the alleged phone-tapping network because he had jurisdiction over the Greek intelligence service (EYP) which is said to be behind the scandal.

The former transport and communications ministers were responsible for the state-run Greek telecommunications corporation (OTE).

Off-duty pilot tried to help control jet

More crash survivors listed

SIoux CITY, Iowa, July 22 (Agencies): The pilot implored controllers to keep crippled Flight 232 away from the city while an off-duty pilot struggled to help gain control of the jetliner, investigators said.

As the National Transportation Safety Board tried to determine the cause of the explosion that led to the crash of the United DC-10 on Wednesday, NTSB spokesman Jim Burnett recounted yesterday night some of the final minutes before the jetliner cartwheeled and exploded into flames.

An off-duty pilot offered his assistance after the rear engine blew apart and the jet's hydraulic lines were severed, limiting the plane's manoeuvrability. The hydraulic system is routed through the tail and allows the pilot to manipulate wing and tail controls.



Alice and Steve Willuweit of Elmhurst, Illinois, survivors of United Airlines Flight 232, talk about the crash during a press conference at a survivor centre in Sioux City, Iowa. (Reuters wirephoto)

Frantic crew sought advice

'Any suggestions?'

NEW YORK, July 22 (AP): The crew of the ill-fated United Airlines jet desperately sought the advice of the airline's experts in San Francisco when officials on the ground in Iowa couldn't help them, a newspaper reported.

"If you have any suggestions, holter," one of the three crew members radioed to workers at United's maintenance headquarters on Wednesday.

But the crisis aboard the DC-10 bound for Chicago from Denver was so unusual that it took the experts 10 minutes to understand the severity of the problem and they still offered no solutions, The New York Times reported today.

In their 25-minute conversation with the experts, the crew of Flight 232 reported that they could not turn left, only right. The crew reported that the jet had lost hydraulic control — no elevators, ailerons or flaps — and the throttle for the damaged rear engine could not be moved.

The experts in San Francisco seemed doubtful and asked again and again "what have you lost?"

Someone listening to the transmissions between the crew and the experts interjected: "How many times do they have to tell them" that they've lost all hydraulics, the paper reported.

A federal official close to the investigation told The Times that the pilot once became impatient with the repeated questions about the hydraulic problem and said: "I'm telling the truth."

Meanwhile, the US television network ABC reported yesterday that the navigational system at the Sioux City, Iowa, airport where the pilot was trying to land the plane had been turned off.

Glenn Bush, a US Federal Aviation Administration manager in Des Moines, Iowa, said the building housing the navigational aid system known as VOR, or Very High Frequency Omnidirectional, was scheduled to be shut down at noon on Wednesday — about four hours before the crash — for maintenance.

Gander crash probe ends in mystery

OTTAWA, July 22 (AP): Canada has closed the books on its worst air disaster, concluding after three years of investigation that the crash that killed 256 Americans in Newfoundland is a mystery never likely to be solved.

"There is nothing in all these deliberations which holds out any reasonable prospect of any more success than that achieved to date," former Supreme Court Justice Wallace Estey concluded in his review released yesterday.

"No injury is going to bring the deceased back," Estey said. "Should we keep this book open forever?"

Estey was appointed to review the case after an earlier investigation board split sharply on the cause of the crash.

He said the evidence did not support the Canadian Aviation Safety Board's finding that ice on the wings of the Arrow air charter DC-8 was the probable cause of the Dec 12, 1985, crash at Gander, Newfoundland.

But he likewise found no evidence to support the minority report, signed by four of the board's nine members in December, that an explosion or fire before impact probably caused the crash.

"It should be no surprise to discover that occasions do arise when no explanation can be found for an event in which the efforts of mankind are overwhelmed by the forces of nature," Estey wrote.

Les Filotas, one of the board members who signed the minority report, said circumstances still exist to be investigated "outside the four corners" examined by Estey.

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US administration prepares step that could stop Iran-Contra trial

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP): The US Justice Department, responding to national security concerns of the CIA, has prepared a step that could kill some or all of the Iran-Contra criminal case against a former operative at the spy agency.

Department officials yesterday were preparing an affidavit that would block disclosures about some CIA programmes in the case of Joseph Fernandez, who is scheduled to go on trial Monday on charges of helping the Contras in Nicaragua.

Representatives of US intelligence agencies were,

to meet through the weekend to produce the affidavit in time for the trial Monday, said an administration source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Fernandez, the CIA's former station chief in Costa Rica, is the highest-ranking employee of the agency ever to face a criminal trial in connection with his work there.

At a court hearing, prosecutor Laurence Shasael revealed that acting deputy Attorney-General Ed Dennis contacted independent counsel Lawrence Walsh on Thursday night and said a national



Workers cut up parts of a Philippine Airlines plane that ploughed through a highway after skidding off a Manila airport runway on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Manila runway lights were off

Pilot ignored warnings

MANILA, July 22 (AP): The pilot of the Philippine Airlines jet that crashed on a busy highway killing eight people ignored air traffic controllers' warnings not to land, airport officials charged today.

In addition, electricians failed to turn on runway lights to assist the pilot as he brought his plane in under heavy rain, one official said.

The eight people killed were on the ground while most of the 91 injuries were passengers on the twin-engine BAC 1-11 as it overshot the runway, ploughed through a concrete wall and skidded across Manila's south expressway and onto some railroad tracks.

At least four vehicles were wrecked as the jet, carrying 98 passengers and crew, careened across the 12-lane highway at 3:23 pm (0723 GMT) yesterday, witnesses said.

Thirty of the injured remained hospitalized today, with one listed in critical condition, said Enrique Santos, PAL vice-president for public relations.

The plane had come from Zamboanga city, 540 miles (864 km) southeast of Manila and heavy rain made visibility extremely poor, officials said.

When the plane was over the runway, "... the pilot

was given instructions to pull up, based on the analysis of the controller that he was not going to make it," controller tower supervisor Rudy Flores told the Associated Press.

"The pilot did not acknowledge and instead of pulling up, he continued to descend ... unfortunately, he did not make it. He overshot the runway," Flores said.

Rolando Estabillo, a PAL official said the clearance was given when the plane last radioed the tower while the aircraft was at least 8 kms (5 miles) away.

The instructions were changed when the weather worsened and controllers tracking the aircraft determined it could not land safely, officials said.

"At that time he was still very high but he was above the runway already," Flores said.

Transport officials have found the flight and voice records of the plane.

A Bureau of Air Transportation official said the records, which provide flight details, would probably be sent to London because they could not be transcribed in the Philippines.

Reid denies ties with IRA

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22 (UPI): Christina Leigh Reid denied that she was involved in a plot to outfit the Irish Republican Army with anti-helicopter rockets but she would not speculate why federal authorities have tied her to the terrorist group.

"I am innocent of this charge," Reid declared at her lawyer's office in her first public appearance since being arrested last week. "I am certainly not the person that has been described in the press."

Reid, 25, was arrested July 12 after a 7-year FBI investigation along with Irish national Martin Quigley, 27, and Richard Johnson, 41, at a Massachusetts electronics firm where he worked.

John McGuffin, Reid's lawyer, claimed his client barely knew Johnson, a family friend, and had never heard of the others implicated in the case.

However, Reid and McGuffin refused to answer most questions about her alleged connections with the IRA and offered no explanation for why the charges were levelled.

Reid, an electronics engineer who works in Cupertino, is free on \$10,000 bail pending an Aug 8 hearing on whether to return her to Boston to face charges.

N-powered space probe

No danger: NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 22 (AP): NASA has denied claims it will endanger the public by launching a nuclear-powered space probe aboard the shuttle in October.

"The mission as designed, analyzed and tested, is safe. Reports to the contrary that have been circulating in the press are not true," John Casani, a deputy manager of flight projects at NASA's jet propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California, said yesterday.

Managers of the Galileo project showed the spacecraft to reporters in a hangar at the Kennedy Space Center where it is being prepared for flight. At the same time, nuclear power opponents in Washington, D.C., urged the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to re-evaluate the potential hazards.

The Christie Institute, a Washington, D.C., advocacy group that opposes nuclear power on satellites, told reporters yesterday it plans to file a petition with NASA asking the agency to revise its environmental impact statement on Galileo.

"The issue is that the hazards of the Galileo launch have not been explored sufficiently," said Robert Richie, a spokesman for the Christie Institute. Richie said NASA is relying on hazard estimates from the Department of Energy that "have been shown in a number of cases to be flawed."

Galileo is scheduled for launch from the Kennedy Space Center Oct 12 aboard the shuttle Atlantis. The crew of Atlantis will deploy Galileo on an eight-year mission to explore Jupiter.

Technicians have been assembling the spacecraft since May. They will attach Galileo to the booster on Wednesday.

Galileo will be powered by 131 single-watt radioisotope thermoelectric generators — RTGs for short — that convert heat created by decaying radioactive fuel into electricity.

Native medicine sought for cure

NAIROBI, Kenya, July 22 (AP): Barnabas Kirui has been practicing medicine without a licence for half a century, dosing his patients with homemade concoctions of herbs, plants and minerals.

Some modern physicians dismiss him as an anachronistic quack. Others think he may be on to something.

Kirui, now in his 80s, is a Mwangi, the Swahili word for a traditional doctor, and his office is his mud-walled home with a corrugated iron roof in the village of Karai near Nairobi.

There, on a recent Saturday, he saw 150 patients, some of whom had come from afar, for Kirui is one of only 10 of Kenya's estimated 1,000 traditional healers known as "wise men."

The appellation has been bestowed on Kirui and his nine colleagues by scientists at the Kenya Medical Research Institute in Nairobi who are studying folk medicines. They consider the 10 to be the best of their lot.

The once strong physique that carried Kirui to India and Burma as a private in the colonial British Army but the dark brown eyes remain steady, the voice soft, firm and clear.

Prescribes

Eyes fixed on his patients, Kirui limits his examination to a single question: "Where's the pain?" he may jab the offending body part with a bony finger.

Then he turns to his "pharmacist," his apprentice of 20 years, and prescribes one of dozens of formulas he has perfected in his years of combing forests, deserts, mountains and savannahs for ingredients.

"He has learned it all from me," Kirui says of his apprentice, "just like I learned it from the Masai." The Masai are a nomadic Kenyan tribe with wide-ranging access to a variety of plants, herbs and minerals.

Some patients get a bottled liquid, others capsules made by scientists from Kirui's formulas. The standard fee is 10 shillings (50 cents).

"Why should I charge more," Kirui muses. "There is more medicine in the forests."

Kirui is one of 100 traditional healers who have contributed 1,300 different medicinal compounds to the Nairobi Research Institute over the past eight years for a study of their effectiveness.

"We are trying to get as much as possible from them," says Dr Kofi Tseko, head of the institute's department of traditional medicines and drug research. "We believe they have knowledge on drugs we don't know of."

Confused

Kirui and compatriots are not to be confused with witchdoctors, who still abound in Kenya and the rest of Africa. The traditional healers do not resort to charms, drums, magic wands and amulets or appeals to gods, spirits or ancestors.

Nevertheless, many modern doctors do associate Kirui and his colleagues with that sort of mumbo-jumbo, see them as more harmful than helpful and fear they give medicine a bad image.

"Some of us do not want to associate with such people," says Dr Joseph A. Ahuch, chairman of the Kenya Medical Association.

But Tseko and other scientists at the institute, mindful that dozens of modern drugs ranging from aspirin to penicillin were discovered in natural organic materials, take a different view.

Tseko says a number of medicines "with a reasonable percentage of effectiveness" have been refined from the compounds of traditional healers and that he and his colleagues hope to find even more.

Effective

Citing a pledge of confidentiality between the institute and the native healers, Tseko declined to cite the exact number of compounds found effective, but said they are used to treat asthma, allergies, diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy, malaria, skin diseases and migraine.

The pledge of confidentiality arises from a fear by the traditionalists that their compounds could be appropriated by major pharmaceutical companies. Results of all research on native cures at the institute is held in secret.

Bomb explosion

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 22 (AP): A 100-pound (45-kilogramme) bomb exploded on a bridge near the Irish border as an Army expert was trying to defuse it, police said today.

No one was injured, said a spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, speaking anonymously.

An Army expert was trying to defuse the bomb using a remote-controlled robot that looks like a tiny tank and is code named Wheelbarrow, the spokesman said.

Sodium bicarbonate 'makes things worse,' researchers say

Common heart treatment harmful

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, (UPI): A treatment routinely given to heart attack victims since the 1920s has been shown to do more harm than good to the patient, researchers reported yesterday.

In the first controlled human study to show adverse effects of sodium bicarbonate—commonly known as baking soda—scientists found that "probably in most cases it has made things worse."

"People who survived cardiac arrest probably did so despite the bicarbonate," the University of California, San Francisco, researchers write in the July issue of the *American Journal of Medicine*.

Heart attacks—the leading killer of Americans—caused 524,100 deaths in

1986 and are expected to strike 1.5 million Americans this year, according to the American Heart Association.

Sodium bicarbonate has been routinely administered to almost all cardiac arrest patients for more than 70 years, noted Dr. Allen Arieff, UCSF professor of medicine and chief of geriatrics research at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

"We found bicarbonate injection caused brief disruptions in the metabolism of heart disease patients," he said.

"Although its merit never was proved, bicarbonate injected by vein has been used over the years to combat lactic acidosis, a condition in which lactic acid accumulates in the blood and poisons the body by

upsetting its delicate acid base balance."

Normally, the liver breaks down lactic acid—a natural product of metabolism, Arieff said. During a heart attack or cardiac arrest, however, the liver receives too little blood and slows down, causing the blood acid level to go up.

In the study, 10 volunteers with severe heart disease were to undergo diagnostic tests with cardiac catheters—small tubes—threaded through a blood vessel into the heart to reveal abnormal heart function.

The researchers first injected into the patients' veins a small amount of either saline—salt water—or sodium bicarbonate. Then, they obtained blood samples to

determine coronary blood flow, oxygen use and lactic acid levels.

Patients administered the saline showed no adverse effects, but in all those getting bicarbonate the blood flow decreased, the body's use of oxygen fell 25 per cent, the heart's oxygen use dropped some 20 per cent and lactic acid blood levels rose. All these effects lasted no longer than two hours.

"A healthy person, and even patients with heart disease, can tolerate such brief changes," Arieff said.

"But the people we looked at are dreadfully ill, and their hearts already are working as hard as they can to supply normal amounts of oxygen."

Words to live by via the telly

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, (AP): Two authors journeyed into the vast wasteland of television and returned with 1,900 gems of wisdom. There's a little horse sense from Mr. Ed, and "Leave It to Beaver" to add homespun sagacity.

Words to live by from the boob tube?

"It's true, you just have to search for them," said Jack Mingo, who with John Javna wrote "Primetime Proverbs: The Book of TV Quotes," published yesterday by Harmony Books of New York. "No one's ever looked to television for wisdom, but 100 million people can't be wrong."

The cherished quotes, which the authors say already have become folklore, came from the mouths of comic spy Maxwell Smart, cartoon caveman Fred Flintstone and others.

Among the adages, preserved for literary posterity under 231 topics, are "All In The Family" Archie Bunker's summation of the divine: "God don't make no mistakes. That's how he got to be God."

Angel Martin of "The Rockford Files": "You can't make one thing time giving people what they need. You've got to give 'em what they want."

Stranded extraterrestrial Mork of "Mork and Mindy": "One man's ceiling is another man's floor."

Ted Baxter of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show": "You know what makes this country great? You don't have to be witty or clever, as long as you can hire someone who is."

Whitey of "Leave It To Beaver": "You don't need any brains to grow up. It just happens to ya."

"If women dressed for men, the stores wouldn't sell much. Just an occasional sun visor," Groucho Marx, "You Bet Your Life."

"There is nothing quite so good as a burial at sea. It is simple, tidy, and not very incriminating," Alfred Hitchcock. "Alfred Hitchcock presents."

"A cardinal rule of politics: Never get caught in bed with a live man or a dead woman." —J.R. Ewing, "Dallas."

"Just remember: Things are always darkest just before they get pitch black," Kelly Robinson, "I Spy."

"Artists are always ready to sacrifice for art. If the price is right," Gomez Addams, "The Addams Family."

There are even sayings from four commercials, which are seemingly already heard often enough on the tube itself.

Those include one by Head and Shoulders shampoo, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Research for the book involved hundreds of hours of TV viewing by the two San Francisco Bay area writers. They also used 112 volunteer viewers, including Jim Davidson from the National Association for the Advancement of Perry Mason, a fan club.

"It's always been considered a declassing thing to watch a lot of TV, so people are reluctant to admit they get anything good from any of it other than by watching a few hours of public television," he said. "But we found many things of the sort you'd find from philosophers, and that you don't expect to see in the mass media."

Shooting deaths of 2 Navajos condemned

WINDOW ROCK, Arizona, July 22, (UPI): Suspended Navajo chairman Peter MacDonald yesterday condemned the fatal shootings of two of his supporters during a clash between tribal police and about 300 protesters who stormed tribal headquarters.

Leonard Haskie, the interim chairman, responded to MacDonald's charges by blaming the ousted tribal chairman for the violence.

As the two men exchanged charges, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation sent five or six agents to the capital of America's largest Indian

tribe to investigate the Thursday night shooting.

There was no sign of a repeat confrontation. Tribal spokesman Duane Beyer said yesterday, "It is calm and peaceful."

The gunfire erupted after MacDonald supporters entered the tribe's administrative and finance building and rifled through the files, tribal officials said.

Tribal spokeswoman Lenora Begay said the demonstrators attacked police officers, took two police weapons and began shooting.



A man and his music

World famous Conductor Leonard Bernstein leads the orchestra of the Schleswig-Holstein Classical Music Festival in Neumunster, West Germany on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Music Festival in Neumunster, West Germany on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

HOUSTON: University of Houston officials were caught off guard when a group of Soviet students and professors showed up as part of an exchange programme that did not exist.

The Soviets landed at Intercontinental Airport Tuesday, penniless and exhausted. They found no welcoming committee and no host.

"Yes, we are embarrassed," said UH student life director, Willie Mueson. "We certainly don't make a habit of treating international visitors this way."

The mix-up apparently stemmed from a former student leader's personal offer of an exchange programme with Leningrad State University.

Former UH students' association president Ali Aanan began corresponding with the Soviets about two years ago in hopes of establishing an exchange programme. He last wrote the Soviets in mid-May to suggest summer as a good time for a visit. But he said he did not know the surprise guests were coming and planned no activities for their trip.

"I thought it was a joke," Aanan said Wednesday. "I said, 'I must be dreaming. Six Russians and no rooms, no money and no preparation. What are we going to do?'" (UPI).

LONDON: More than 13,000 old bottles of wine from the Crimean winery, which once belonged to the Russian czars, will be auctioned in March, Sotheby's said yesterday.

The dessert and fortified wines include 1,155 bottles of extremely rare pre-1918 wines, some still bearing the imperial seal, the auction house said in a statement.

"Crimea was among the greatest producers of the classic sweet wines that were so sought-after in the 19th century and which are becoming fashionable again today," said Sotheby's.

The auction house said the wines from the former imperial winery, called Massandra, have rarely been tasted outside the Soviet Union. The winery is still in operation, it said.

David Molynest-Berry, director of Sotheby's wine department, said the wines have been stored in Massandra's cellars which produce "the most perfect conditions for such wines to mature."

Some of the cellars were walled up during and after the revolution to save the wines from plunderers, Sotheby's said. (AP).

SPARWOOD, British Columbia: A 10-year-old girl attacked by a grizzly bear as she mistook the animal for a curious cow as it prowled outside her tent.

"When I woke up I felt a big tug at my thigh and thought it was a cow, so I kind of slapped his nose through the tent," Connie-Lee Kirkness said Thursday from her hospital bed in Sparwood.

"Then I felt teeth that were about an inch long," said Connie-Lee, who is recovering from injuries to her left thigh and hip that required 17 stitches to close.

Connie-Lee and her 7-year-old sister, Tim, were asleep Tuesday in their pup tent at a provincial forestry campsite at Rock Creek, about 190 kilometres (118 miles) southwest of Calgary, when the grizzly approached their tent.

Connie-Lee realised the animal was a bear when it left the tent and began examining a nearby camper where the girls' parents were sleeping.

"I saw a bear on its hind legs with its back fur bristling, and it was trying to get into my parents' camper," she said. "I put my hand over my sister's mouth to stop her from screaming. It was scary." (AP).

OKLAHOMA CITY: Former President Ronald Reagan was inducted yesterday into the national Cowboy Hall of Fame, joining presidents Abraham Lincoln, Dwight Eisenhower and Theodore Roosevelt and performers Tom Mix and Gene Autry.

Reagan, who acted in several Westerns during his film career and owns a ranch in California, was honoured as a "great Westerner" and a "Great Western performer" by the Hall of Fame.

"I'm delighted to join such distinguished company," Reagan said. "I will always treasure this honour that you have given me."

The ceremony was not without laughter as Reagan poked fun at his own experiences on — and off — horseback. He was hospitalized earlier this month in Arizona for injuries suffered in a minor riding accident.

"I feel somewhat qualified to be here as a result of my July 4th experience in Mexico at my own private rodeo," he told 800 guests. "I lost." (UPI).

BARCELONA, Spain: Bandleader Xavier Cugat remained in stable condition yesterday in the intensive-care unit of a hospital here a day after suffering heart trouble, his doctors said.

In a statement, the doctors said the 89-year-old musician was responding favourably to treatment.

Long troubled by heart problems, Cugat has suffered four heart attacks and a stroke since 1980. He was hospitalized twice last year for heart and lung ailments.

Cugat became a US star with his band in the early 1930s playing Latin dance music before movie stars at the Coconut Grove Club in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel and later leading his band at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

He is generally credited with introducing tropical rhythms into American dance music.

He also appeared in several Hollywood movies. Cugat was born in the northeastern Catalan town of Gerona, but went with his family to Cuba as a child. (AP).



Flying high

TONY ALIENGENA, 11, of Orange County, Calif., is shown in Seattle Friday prior to flying the final leg of his around-the-world flight to Orange County, California, flying the final leg in a borrowed aircraft, will be the youngest person to fly an airplane around the world. (Reuter wirephoto).

Moon men see exciting future

SPACE CENTRE, Houston, July 22, (UPI): Astronauts who flew America's lunar missions reminisced about their space journeys yesterday and vowed that the "spirit of Apollo" will carry Americans back to the moon and beyond.

Astronauts representing the Apollo 8 and Apollo 10 through Apollo 17 flights gathered at Johnson Space Centre as part of two days of festivities honouring the 20th anniversary of the lunar moon landing.

Gene Cernan who flew on Apollo 10 and 17, said the most important thing Apollo astronauts brought back to Earth was the powerful photographs of the planet against the black background of space.

Cernan encouraged those working for NASA to use the excitement over the lunar landing anniversary to challenge themselves anew.

Mike Collins, who remained in Apollo's 11 command module orbiting Earth while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin went to the lunar surface, said he and his companions would have spent more time taking photographs and describing what they saw if they had realised the impact such images would have.

Collins also said future generations will think of the Apollo trips as a natural step for man.

"When the history of the solar system is written, you would just assume we would go to the moon," he said. "We are wanderers. We always have been and will continue to be."

"There are such fascinating places out in the solar system, it would be fascinating to go on out into the solar system. We will, and when we have done it, going to the moon will not seem as important as it does today."

Alan Shepard, the first American in space in 1961 and who walked on the moon during Apollo 14, said the benefits from the space programme should be emphasised to gain public and financial support for new missions.

"It's fun to get excited about the 20th anniversary of the lunar landing," he said. "It's exciting to think about talking spacemen and going to Mars in the days ahead."

"But as exciting as it is ... it doesn't always guarantee you're going to get dollars to do the job. I think we'll probably do ourselves a greater service if we can talk a little more about spinoffs."

Veteran astronaut John Young, who flew on Apollo 16 and on the first space shuttle flight, said he was more confident about American's presence in space after hearing President Bush's proposal for space exploration.

"Why do we go to space? So people can make the world a better place for the future, for their children and grandchildren," he said. "So that life for them can be more exciting and more satisfying."

Marilyn Monroe 'lives' Star portrayed in opera

SPOLETO, Italy, July 22, (Reuter): What's an American woman from a small town in Ohio doing singing half-naked in French on the stage of a 19th century theatre in central Italy?

She is getting multiple curtain-calls for her powerful performance as Marilyn Monroe in a new opera based on the American star's tempestuous life and tragic death.

Emily Rawlins is hoping that a well-established producer will notice her starring role in "Lyrical Scenes From The Life of Sarah," a French-language opera making its world debut at Italy's prestigious Festival of Two Worlds at Spoleto.

Rawlins, who gives her age as "more than 30, less than 40," electrifies the stage with her powerful soprano voice and body movements carefully copied from Monroe's films and still photos of her private life.

"I tuned in to her by reading about her and watching her in all those films and off-the-set documentaries about her life," Rawlins said in an interview in Spoleto's main square the day after a recent performance.

"I would stop the video and tune in to who she is and just get it subliminally or spiritually," said Rawlins, a native of Lancaster, Ohio.

Despite its awkward title, which Rawlins said was imposed by copyright restrictions, the opera by composer Paul Uy and librettist Gaston Compere, both Belgians, clearly follows Monroe's life from a teen-age rape, to her stormy relationships with men, to her death from an overdose of sleeping pills in 1962 at the age of 36.

Using other names for characters in Monroe's life, it includes an affair with a politician who becomes president and is assassinated (John Kennedy) and failed marriages to a sports hero (Joe DiMaggio) and writer (Arthur Miller).

Italian critics have slammed the music and lyrics. But like the public, they have roundly applauded Rawlins for almost singlehandedly carrying the opera by bringing Monroe to life.

To the audience in Spoleto's Teatro Carlo Melisso, Rawlins at times seems to transform herself into Monroe before their eyes, using familiar facial expressions



Rawlins as Marilyn Monroe in a scene from the opera in Spoleto, Italy. (Reuter wirephoto)

and body positions.

She wears a wig of wavy blonde hair, a beauty mark on her cheek and fire-engine-red lipstick.

Wearing a black lace bodice under an open white dressing robe in some of the scenes, Rawlins curves her body just as Monroe did.

She sits seductively against a wall like Monroe did in a publicity photo carried by soldiers in the Korean War.

But Rawlins went beyond the body language. She tried to

absorb the tragedy of Monroe's life, her insecurity and her inability to cope with the pressures of Hollywood.

"To me the most interesting part about Marilyn was the myth," Rawlins said.

"I wanted to know who she was and why she behaved the way she did. Why she allowed herself to be such a victim and be so self-destructive with the pills and the alcohol and the men."

Rawlins studied books which recounted Monroe's efforts to be accepted as a serious actress.

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Nothing spoils a diner's meal quite like a nasty maitre d'

WASHINGTON, July 22, (AP): Nothing—not a soup spill, a burned filet mignon or a cockroach crawling through the salad—turns a restaurant meal into a disaster quite like a nasty headwaiter, says professional diner John Campbell.

His advice: Don't take it sitting down. Complain to the manager. Or simply walk out.

Campbell has been rating lodgings and restaurants for the American Automobile Association for the past 15 years. He says restaurants in New York doubtless are the worst for sneering, snarling headwaiters.

The bearded, Australian-born Campbell, 52, says the hapless victims of sadistic headwaiters "can just get up and leave" if they've been seated next to the kitchen door, insulted and forgotten.

When the atmosphere turns brutish, Campbell takes the offending headwaiter aside and asks, "what seems to be going wrong here? What is my problem and what is your problem?"

If the situation can't be resolved through quiet reasoning, he says, "I would leave." But don't forget to complain to the restaurant's

owner or manager.

"He has a desperate interest in the health of his property, and he will listen," Campbell said. "If you tell him you had an unpleasant experience with Monsieur Jacques, he's likely to say, 'really?' And Monsieur Jacques might not be there next time."

Campbell, who is based in New York, is one of 60 full-time, professionally trained field representatives who are rating restaurants for AAA, the 30-million-member motoring and travel service organization based in suburban Falls Church, Virginia.

At a news conference Thursday, AAA officials announced they are going nationwide with their "diamond" rating service, which awards five diamonds for the highest-ranked luxury restaurants to a single diamond for informal, family-style eateries serving "good but unpretentious dishes."

No fewer than 72 rating guidelines, developed with the help of Cornell University's School of Hotel Management, will be applied to nearly 7,000 restaurants annually in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean for inclusion in AAA's 1990 tour books.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tear down

WASHINGTON, July 22, (UPI): The Senate, at the urging of the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, voted yesterday to pressure President Bush to tear down the heavily bugged new US Embassy in Moscow.

The Senate voted 56-42 for a non-binding motion that says the embassy should be secure against electronic eavesdropping devices implanted by the KGB or be destroyed.

"This is a grave security risks for the United States," Senator David Boren, Democrat of Oklahoma and chairman of the Intelligence Committee, told the Senate.

New political party

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada, July 22, (AP): Prime Minister Herbert Blaize yesterday said he was starting his own political party, confronting the Caribbean island nation with its worst political crisis since the 1983 US-led invasion.

In a half-hour speech broadcast by state radio and television, Blaize said he broke with the governing New National Party that put him in power and announced the formation of his own National Party to "continue to sail the ship of state along the road of progress."

Blaize touched off a crisis Thursday by firing James Mitchell, political leader of the New National Party, from his post as works and communications minister.

Student protesters

SAN SALVADOR, July 22, (UPI): About 1,000 university students marched through the streets of the capital yesterday, protesting the detention of 18 fellow students, a student leader said.

Students from the University of El Salvador began their 4-mile (6.4-km) march on the outskirts of the capital and ended it near the civic plaza downtown.

Vinicio Penate, leader of General Association of Salvadoran Students, said the students would file a complaint against the rural police, accusing them of detaining 18 students in recent weeks.

The student demonstrators originally planned to march to the Supreme Court building, but changed their route because of numerous anti-demonstration police on the streets.

UN monitoring

UNITED NATIONS, July 22, (AP): In its first monitoring of elections in a sovereign nation, the United Nations will send about 160 experts to Nicaragua for that country's first free elections in five years, UN officials announced yesterday.

The campaigning and polling Feb 25 will be the first time the United Nations has been involved in election not in a colonial country in transition to independence, said S. Iqbal Riza, head of a recent UN survey mission sent to Nicaragua.

"Nicaragua will mark the first time an independent country is to be monitored by independent UN poll observers," Riza said. "We do not have an active role, no active involvement," he said.

Woman honoured

ATLANTA, July 22, (AP): A woman who founded an Argentinian protest group for mothers after her three children disappeared has been honoured by a Jewish Women's Organization for her human rights work.

Rene Epelbaum, founder of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, was honoured by the group Hadassah at its convention in Atlanta this week.

Mrs Epelbaum has joined other mothers in the Buenos Aires Plaza for 13 years. Each week, the group gathered at the Plaza to dramatise the plight of the thousands of Argentinians who disappeared during the military regime's campaign against suspected leftists in the late 1970s.

Permission denied

VIENNA, Austria, July 22, (AP): Alexander Dubcek, the leader of Czechoslovakia's 1968 "Prague Spring" political reforms, has been refused documents to travel to a Madrid conference next week, his wife said yesterday.

Anna Dubcekova told the Associated Press in a telephone call from the couple's Bratislava home that her husband had wanted to attend a seminar on East-West relations.

An appeal, even if successful, would not yield travel permission from the Czechoslovak authorities before the conference opens, she said.

Dubcek, who was replaced as Communist Party Chief in April 1969 after his reforms were crushed, was allowed abroad last November for the first time since June 1970, when he was expelled from the party after five months as ambassador to Turkey.

Dam project

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 22, (AP): Czechoslovak Premier Ladislav Adamec and his Hungarian counterpart Miklos Nemeth failed Thursday to resolve a simmering dispute over a joint Danube river dam project on which Hungary abruptly halted construction in May.

State-run media said the two leaders agreed only to meet again by Oct 31 to try and patch up a compromise.

Adamec arrived in Budapest a day after some 60 top scientists from the two communist nations agreed to disagree on whether the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros dam and hydropower project should go ahead.

Soviet ethnic clashes rage

Extremists seize 1,400 weapons

MOSCOW, July 22, (Reuters): Two members of the security forces were killed in the troubled Soviet Black Sea region of Abkhazia when they were fired on by a group of locals armed with hunting guns, the official Tass news agency said today.

The killings, late on Friday, took to 20 the death toll from a week of ethnic clashes between Abkhazians and Georgians in the area, an autonomous republic within Georgia.

Tass identified the dead as a 31-year-old senior police lieutenant and an 18-year-old cadet from a Leningrad Interior Ministry college. The two were part of a force of around 3,000 airlifted in to restore order in Abkhazia.

"Yesterday, in the village of Ostapi, a group of soldiers who were working on clearing roadblocks which had been put there by local citizens and (who were) confiscating weapons were shot at by unknown people with hunting guns," Tass said.



Captive nations week

President George Bush has pledged unwavering US support for captive nations — peoples and countries that live under foreign domination or "ideologies that are inimical to the ideas of national sovereignty and individual liberty."

Bush yesterday proclaimed captive nations week, calling for all nations of the world to guarantee human rights, freedoms and independence for these peoples. He said the meaning of this week is "to live freedom, to overcome oppression."

Picture shows Vice-President Dan Quayle (centre) appearing as President Bush salutes Polita Grau de Aguiro (left) niece of former Cuban President Ramon Grau San Martin. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush to visit Costa Rica

WASHINGTON, July 22, (UPI): President Bush will attend a hemisphere summit celebrating democracy this fall in Costa Rica at which Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega may also participate, the White House announced yesterday.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Bush had accepted the invitation from Costa Rican President Oscar Arias on Thursday to attend the centennial celebration of democracy in San Jose, Costa Rica, Oct 27-28.

But though Ortega, who heads the ruling Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, was invited "and may attend," the White House said later that neither Cuban leader Fidel Castro nor Panama's de facto ruler Manuel Noriega would be "appropriate attendees."

"Since this is a celebration of democracy, we understand that neither Castro nor representatives of General Noriega will be appropriate attendees," a White House statement said. "We remain hopeful that by Oct 27, a freely elected democratic government may have been returned to power in Panama."

Bush, however, will not meet with Ortega, although US officials will attend meetings that include Sandinista representatives. "The US policy regarding high level contact with Nicaragua is unchanged," the White House said. "We will participate in multilateral meetings with representatives of the Sandinista regime but have no plans to meet with them bilaterally."

The United States and Nicaragua maintain diplomatic



End killing

A Colombian man opens a window at the Ecuadorian embassy in Bogota to inform the press that the building has been occupied peacefully on July 21. The Mexican embassy was also taken over in order to demand an end to what the occupiers said was government complicity in a "dirty war" indiscriminately killing farmers. (Reuters wirephoto)

relations, but not at the ambassadorial level. The US government has long supported the Contra rebels in the country. It is now supplying them with \$60 million in humanitarian aid, which runs out in February and has to be reviewed in November to see if the Sandinistas are keeping their promise to prepare for free elections in February.

"The situation in Abkhazia and the border districts of Georgia, gripped by a week of inter-ethnic disturbances, remains tense. There have essentially been no changes in the last 24 hours," Tass said.

"Public transport and a number of factories are not working, a strike by Sukhumi railway workers is continuing."

Tass said security forces deployed in a village near Sukhumi, the capital, found buried among shrubs a cache of 170 kg (270 pounds) of explosives and 550 cords with detonators.

Tass also said some 700 Abkhazians and Georgians had been taking part in meetings both in Sukhumi and in the city of Gagra in an attempt to find ways to calm the conflict.

"In the last 24 hours, groups of hooligans in western Georgia have seized almost 1,400 hunting and combat weapons," the nightly news programme Vremya reported.

Radio Moscow said 96 people remained hospitalized, nine of them in "grave condition."

The injury toll had risen by 67, from Thursday's count of 339. It included 31 policemen and internal security troops, Zarya Vostoka said.

The Soviet news accounts said rampaging gangs were responsible for more than 40 attacks on police and government outposts. In one village, police confiscated four anti-tank and two anti-personnel mines, Zarya Vostoka said.

The official news agency Tass reported that "in Kaspakiy district, extremists attacked an Interior Ministry building and stole 30 confiscated hunting guns."

"In the town of Santredia, armed guards were attacked in a number of factories. Military firearms, including automatic weapons, fell into the hands of extremists."

Radio Moscow said industries and public services in Abkhazia were shut down, public transport paralyzed and garbage was piling up in the Abkhazian capital of Sukhumi.

Cargo trucks were getting through the region only under police escort, Zarya Vostoka said.

Special flights and ships continued to evacuate thousands of tourists stranded in Sukhumi.

It said 4,300 people were evacuated on 46 flights and 15,000 people were taken from Sukhumi harbour aboard cruise ships.

The Communist Party boss of Kiev, who failed to win a seat in the new Soviet legislature in March, resigned today, Tass reported.

Italian cabinet

ROME, July 22, (UPI): Christian Democrat senior statesman Giulio Andreotti formed a new government today, ending a nine-week political crisis marked by bitter inter-party feuding.

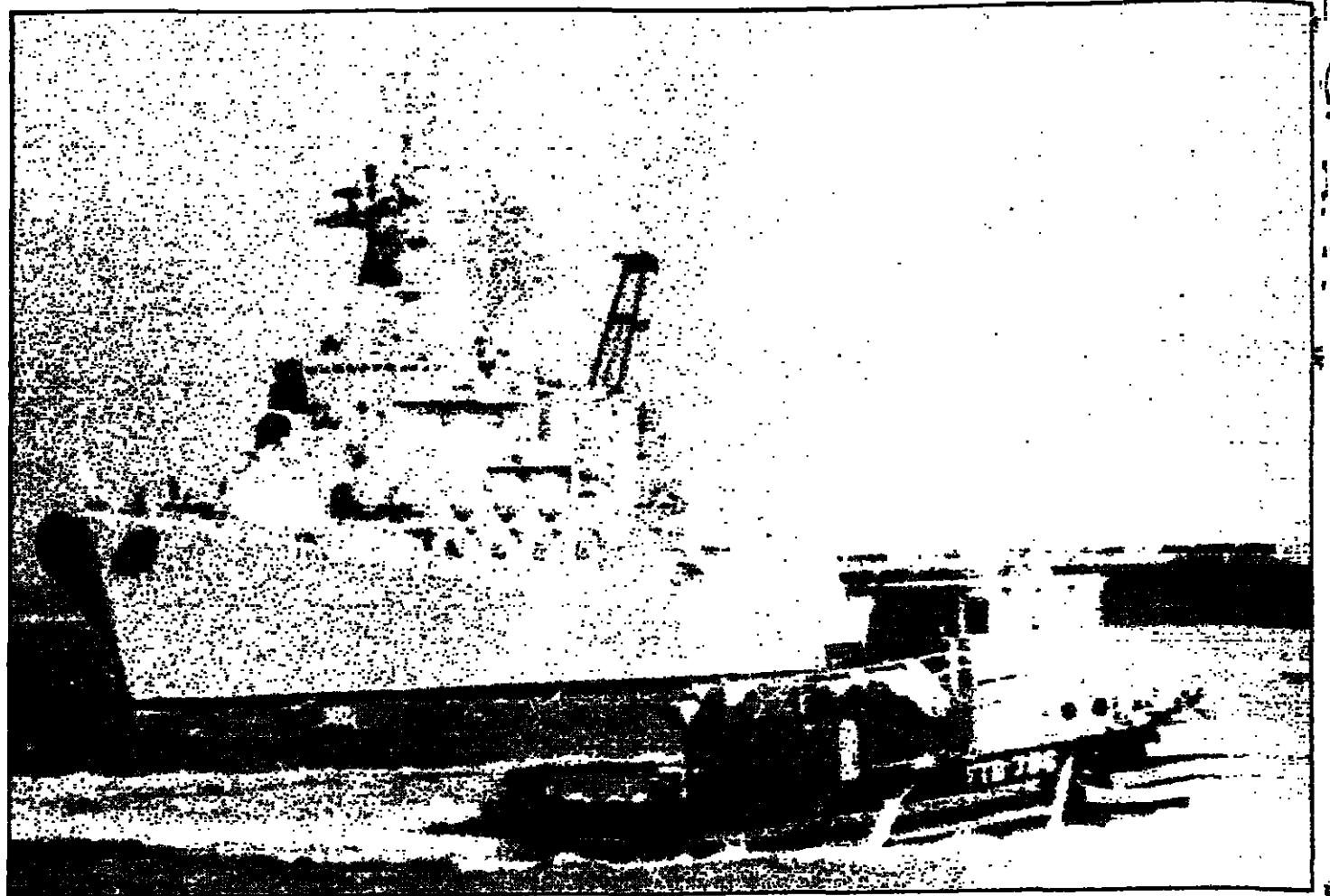
The 70-year-old Andreotti called on President Francesco Cossiga at the Quirinale Palace at 6:30 pm (1630 GMT) and presented the list of ministers of Italy's 49th government since World War II.

The government still must go before both houses of Parliament to obtain confidence votes before it is formally installed in power.

Returning as prime minister for the first time since the 1970s, when he headed five governments, Andreotti also achieved a near-miracle in patching together the 5-party coalition which outgoing Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita resigned on May 19.

the opposition has rejected that. International observers said Endara's slate won the election 3-1. They said Noriega had the election annulled when it became apparent his candidate, Carlos Duque, was losing.

"We should stop experimenting with international solidarity," Endara said. "We, the Panamanians, are the only ones responsible for our own destiny."



The Marshal Ustinov, follows a US Navy pilot boat as it pulls into its berth at the Norfolk Naval Base. (Reuters wirephoto)



Two Soviet sailors aboard the guided missile cruiser Marshal Ustinov taking pictures during the arrival ceremonies for their ship. (Reuters wirephoto)



US Navy photographer Mark Kettenhofen, from Claremont, Fla., gets a close look at three Soviet Naval officers aboard the Soviet guided-missile cruiser Marshal Ustinov. (Reuters wirephoto)

Glasnost goes to Washington

WASHINGTON, July 22, (Agencies): A senior Soviet official told Congress in an unprecedented appearance yesterday that his country will not agree to strategic arms reductions if the United States pursues a nation-wide "star wars" system, and he urged the negotiation of naval cutbacks.

Sergei Akhromeyev took questions from the House Armed Services Committee as the highest-ranking Soviet ever to testify on Capitol Hill. A retired general and former marshal of his country's military forces, he currently serves as a legislator and senior arms control adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Akhromeyev fielded questions for nearly five hours from the committee yesterday, providing data on Soviet military spending and changes in troop deployments and arms control positions.

"I really thought it was brilliant for a man out of a system in which there has never been very much of this sort of thing," said Chairman Les Aspin, who invited the Soviet to the hearing. "He was extremely skillful."

Could the Soviet marshal be taken at face value?

"Who knows?" Aspin replied. "You weigh what he says against all the other evidence, like everything else, just as you do with any witness."

The testimony was a contest of symbols, Soviet and American. The Red Army officer wore his marshal's uniform, olive-brown with red piping, with large gold stars on his shoulder boards, 11 rows of decorations, a gleaming gold star perched above them.

Around him were the formal symbols of the United States.

A giant American eagle was emblazoned on the wall behind the witness. The flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, each with a thick cluster of battle streamers, were draped around the room.

"Never has so high-ranking a Soviet official appeared before this committee," Aspin said. "Through the years we have seen many uniforms sit at that table — but never one like yours."

Akhromeyev was asked by Congressman Bob Dornan if US intelligence estimates are correct when they peg Soviet tank production at more than 4,000 a year.

"Completely unrealistic," Akhromeyev said. He said the correct figure is 1,700 tanks in 1989 and that is a 40 per cent cut from previous years.

He said tank production will be even lower next year.

The statistics are of interest to the NATO alliance because

Navy welcomes Russians

Soviet ships visit US

NORFOLK, Virginia, July 22, (UPI): Three Soviet warships steamed into the Norfolk Naval Station yesterday, exchanging booming cannon salutes to begin an historic and unprecedented visit to the largest US Navy base, the world's largest naval station.

"We are ready to co-operate with the USA on a predictable and stable ground," said Vice Adm. Igor V. Kasatonov, first deputy commander in chief of the Soviet Northern Fleet, soon after stepping on American soil.

The Soviet ships, carrying 1,100 personnel sailed up the Chesapeake Bay into the Port of Hampton Roads, accompanied by six Coast Guard vessels and aircraft flying overhead.

Before reaching port the ships engaged in an elaborate exchange of military goodwill that included two 21-gun salutes as they passed Fort Monroe. On shore, a US Navy band played Soviet and American military music to welcome the ships.

The vessels were the first Soviet warships to visit a US military port. The last time Soviet warships visited the United States was May 12, 1975, when two guided missile destroyers pulled into Boston Harbour for a six-day visit.

The Slava-class Marshal Ustinov, the Sovremennyy-class destroyer Odintsov and the Boris

Chilkin-class oiler Genrikh Gaganov, their path cleared by tugboats, pulled into pier 7 slightly ahead of schedule.

Sailors from the Marshal Ustinov threw a rope to US sailors to secure the 613-foot (186-m) ship, flying American as well as Soviet flags, at 8.15 am. The other ships slid into port by 9 am.

Top Soviet officers disembarked from the Ustinov and were met by Soviet Ambassador Yuriy Dubinin, Soviet defence attaches and US Navy officers.

In a brief welcoming ceremony, Kasatonov offered a loaf of bread and a small dish of salt to Rear Adm. David Robinson, commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Group 8. The gesture, a Russian custom, signifies sharing between visitors.

Later, at a news conference, Kasatonov and Dubinin called for continued military co-operation between the two superpowers.

"We believe that there is no fatal inevitability of confrontation between the USSR and the USA, between the East and West," Kasatonov said, noting that American ships will visit the Soviet Union in August.

As the Soviet ships entered the Chesapeake Bay early yesterday morning, eight inflatable dinghies manned by members of the environmental group Greenpeace held up placards that said "no nukes."

admirals. I just started becoming friends with them recently."

Akhromeyev also invited the United States to reciprocate by sending a senior official to testify to the Supreme Soviet on similar matters. Aspin plans to visit next month with a legislative defence committee led by Akhromeyev in Moscow.

In his third visit to the United States, Akhromeyev, 66, avoided saying that "star wars," the US Strategic Defence Initiative, amounted to an attempt to build a nation-wide ballistic missile defence now prohibited by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, but he warned that any nation-wide system would make a strategic arms reduction treaty impossible.

tanks are involved in the offensive threat posed by Soviet forces to Western Europe.

"Ask him about some other production figures," Aspin told Dornan. "You've got him on a roll."

Responding to questions, the marshal said the reason Soviet personnel costs were only about \$7 billion last year compared to the \$78 billion paid US troops was that the Soviet Union can't afford high wages.

Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, a Mississippi Democrat, asked whether Akhromeyev was suggesting cutting the salaries of high-ranking US officers.

"Oh, God forbid," Akhromeyev replied. "I don't want you to get me into a fight with American generals and

US wants any accord

LONDON, July 22, (Reuters): A top US arms negotiator denied yesterday that Washington was subordinating a strategic arms pact with the Soviet Union to an East-West accord that would cut non-nuclear forces in Europe.

Richard Barr, who heads the US team at the superpower Strategic Arms (Start) Talks in Geneva, told a press lunch in London that his government would be happy to see either accord come up first.

Some US officials and experts have said President George Bush, who launched major new proposals two months ago for the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna, wanted to see an agreement there before reducing strategic stockpiles.

But Barr said: "There is no new linkage approach here. Rather than de-emphasising Start, we have given higher priority to CFE."

Arms talks may be shelved

Cuts voted in Stealth budget

WASHINGTON, July 22, (AP): A House of Representatives committee will consider cutting \$500 million from President George Bush's budget for the B-2 Stealth bomber in the newest sign of congressional opposition to the high cost of the radar-evading aircraft.

A source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said yesterday the appropriations defence sub-committee voted to make the cuts in closed session as part of a package of changes in Bush's defence budget.

The source said the panel also voted Thursday to cut "Star Wars" by \$1.1 billion and to fund the V-22 Osprey and the F-14D fighter, two programmes the administration has earmarked for extinction.

Star Wars is the US plan for a space-based missile defence system, formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The measure, which now goes to the full appropriations committee, also included funds to purchase 12 EA-6B jet fighters, the source said.

The Defence Department is asking for \$4.7 billion for the B-2, which will carry a price tag of \$530 million per plane. The House Armed Services committee last month cut the overall request by \$800 million.

The action by the appropriations sub-committee would still leave \$4.2 billion for the plane.

Bush has gotten personally involved in the lobbying effort, telling groups of congressmen at the White House this week the B-

The United States would have to suspend nuclear arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union and draft a new negotiating position if Congress killed the Stealth bomber, the Air Force's top general said yesterday.

"We would have to formulate an entirely new START negotiating position," Air Force chief of staff Larry Welch told the Senate Armed Services Committee, referring to the US-Soviet strategic arms reductions talks in Geneva.

Welch also called a proposal by House Armed Services Committee chairman Les Aspin to freeze production funds until the plane programme is scaled back a euphemism for cancelling the programme.

Panama's opposition to resume protests

PANAMA CITY, Panama, July 22, (AP): Disillusioned by the Organisation of American States' call for a transfer of power, Panama's opposition has announced it will resume demonstrations to demand the installation of its candidates on Sept 1.

The OAS decision effectively accepts Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's nullification of May elections in which the opposition had claimed victory.

"We are willing to go to the front and take the risks and consequences of these acts," Guillermo

Endara, the opposition presidential candidate in May 7 elections, said yesterday.

The OAS, which mediated talks between the government and opposition last weekend, called Thursday for the transfer of power on Sept 1, followed by new elections.

The OAS did not say who power should be transferred to, and that is what will be worked out in the next six weeks. Some delegates mentioned the possibility of a government of national reconciliation.

China urges tighter controls

BEIJING, July 22. (Agencies): China's Communist Party ended a national meeting of propaganda officials demanding tighter control over the media and arts, and ridicule of the West's contention that socialism is dead, reports said today.

The officials decided that "news and publishing units, social science research organs, literary and art groups... must propagate and seriously carry out the four basic principles," said the party's official newspaper, the People's Daily.

The four principles in essence declare that China must be ruled only by the Communist Party according to Marxism, Leninism and Mao Tse-tung thought.

They have been part of senior leader Deng Xiaoping's ideology for a decade, but they tend to be stressed during crackdowns.

The officials, heads of propaganda departments and cultural censors, ended their five-day meeting yesterday by declaring that the cultural market must be "rectified"—meaning shaken up and purged of reactionary materials.

Beijing and several other leading cities already have begun this task, raiding book stalls and seizing the works of intellectuals who took part in the crushed democracy movement.

The coastal city of Fujian announced it has even "rectified" the video games market, pool halls and dance halls, and plans to tackle the videotape market.

Propaganda officials said such efforts must be spread to every community, and must not stop with a few raids as happened during the last headline political campaign in 1987.

Culture Minister Wang Meng and Vice-Minister Ying Ruocheng were conspicuously absent from the meeting, as they have been since the June 3-4 Army attack on student-led protesters for a freer society. They had advocated a policy of reduced political interference in the arts to make them flourish.

The meeting was presided over by the head of the national party propaganda department, Wang Renzhi, at times joined by party General Secretary Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng.

An editorial, apparently produced by the meeting, that filled half the front page of today's People's Daily attacked the popular view in the West that Marxism is outdated and that socialism has failed, as witnessed by the troubled economies and restless populations in the Soviet Union, East Europe and China.

Public criticism of Zhao has mounted since his June 24 ouster from his party post. There have been several revelations of comments he allegedly made at close meetings that are cited to prove his softness on Western-style liberalism.

None of the articles, however, explain how Zhao managed to win confirmation in October 1987 as party chief if he had been making such anti-socialist comments.

The articles make clear that the rift within the party leadership was long-term and predated the student movement, even though officials at the time insisted they were in complete agreement.

Party leaders appear divided over whether Zhao should be accused of actually plotting a coup against Li and put on trial. The harsh comments in the media indicate that officials in charge of propaganda strongly oppose Zhao, but he has not been kicked out of the party, a sign that leniency is possible.

Tightening its grip on the official press, the Chinese government has dismissed a senior official who supervised the ideology of a range of publications, informed Chinese sources said today.

Du Daozheng, director of the State Media and Publications Administration, has been accused of backing an appeal by journalists before the June 4 military crackdown for the government to negotiate with student demonstrators, they said.

Dissidents

Du's dismissal follows a purge of senior officials connected with Zhao Ziyang who was sacked from his post as Communist Party general-secretary on June 24.

Meanwhile a group of Chinese dissidents left Paris today two days after calling for the formation of a "democratic front" to defend the democracy movement against government repression, a French news agency reported.

Belgrade-Manila air links soon

Philippine minister on European tour

BELGRADE, July 22. (KUNA): Yugoslav President Yanz Dumbovic yesterday met here with Philippines Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus, where they discussed bilateral relations, the current developments in the Mideast and situation in Non-Aligned Movement.

The Yugoslav president and Philippines foreign minister expressed their countries' willingness to develop bilateral relations especially in economic fields. At the same time they agreed to open a direct airline soon between Belgrade and Manila.

The two sides discussed the current international issues with special emphasis on the Cambodian problem and ways of settlement through an international conference which is scheduled to be held at the end of July in the French capital.

Moreover, the two sides discussed preparations for the Non-Aligned Movement summit conference which will be held here in the beginning of next September with the participation of Philippines as an observer.

The Yugoslav president has invited Philippines President Corason Aquino to visit Yugoslavia and to attend Non-Aligned Movement summit.

Manglapus also held talks with his Yugoslav counterpart Budimir Loncar on the co-operation relations between the two countries and ways of developing them in various fields.

Furthermore, the two ministers discussed issues related to the agenda of the next Non-Aligned Movement, which will focus on the current international issues especially the Cambodian and debts problems.

The Filipino foreign minister also met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Wednesday night.

In a press conference held Wednesday night the Filipino top diplomat said that during his meeting with President Gorbachev discussions centered on bilateral relations, adding that Gorbachev expressed Moscow's support to the peaceful efforts under way in the Philippines.

The Filipino official praised the Soviet foreign policy, adding that his country will assist, within its abilities to support the new Soviet way of thinking.

Manglapus described his visit to the Soviet Union as "a total success" pointing out that part of his discussions centered on the forthcoming visit to be paid by Filipino President Corason Aquino.

Socialism doesn't fit in Japan: Uno

Final day of election campaign

TOKYO, July 22. (AP): Japanese vote tomorrow for half the seats in parliament's upper house with the governing conservatives facing possible defeat because of a new sales tax and corruption scandals.

A poor showing by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party could bring pressures for the resignation of Prime Minister Souseike Uno, in office less than two months, and for early elections for the more powerful lower house, where LDP losses could bring Japan a socialist-led government.

"Only the liberal Democratic Party can govern the country," Uno

declared in a final campaign speech this evening, attacking the main rival Socialist Party and praising his party's record in raising Japan's status in the world.

"Socialism does not fit in Japan. Please help us defend freedom in this country," Uno, 66, told several hundred party workers.

Hobbled by allegations he kept paid mistresses, Uno made few public appearances during the 18-day campaign and his last was in a secluded parking lot at party headquarters.

By contrast, Takako Doi, chairwoman of the Japan Socialist Party, held her final campaign rally at a main intersection in Tokyo's Ginza shopping and entertainment district.

"Now is the time we can change politics, and the energy is beginning to move," the 60-year-old Ms Doi said, attacking the LDP for a series of scandals and a new sales tax. "Tomorrow is your big chance to make clear your disgust."

Results in many districts are expected to be known by about 2 am Monday (1700 GMT tomorrow). But counting in Tokyo and some other large districts doesn't begin until Monday, with final results expected by Monday evening.

Polls, analysts and even many LDP members cast the ruling party as a definite underdog in tomorrow's voting for 126 of the 252 seats in the house of councilors. Public opinion surveys taken shortly before the elections by three major national newspapers indicated the LDP would win only 30 to 42 seats, far short of the 54 it needs to maintain a simple majority.

Without control of the upper house, the liberal Democrats would find it awkward though not impossible to pass legislation. But a defeat would be a historic setback for the party that has produced all of Japan's prime ministers and held majorities in both houses since it was formed in 1955.

Polls say the anti-LDP vote could translate into major gains for the leading opposition Socialist Party and increase pressure for elections for the lower house of representatives, which chooses the prime minister, ahead of the deadline of July 1990.

If the LDP suffers a big setback, it is seen likely to change leadership in a bid to regain support, although Uno says he hopes to remain in office until his term as party president expires Oct 31.

The popularity of the conservative LDP began to erode last summer with the first disclosures in a scandal that led to the resignations of three cabinet ministers and, ultimately, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

The opposition put forward a record number of women candidates to win the votes of women who encountered the new tax in their daily shopping. Farmers, an important source of LDP support, also revolted against government moves, made under strong pressure from the United States, to open Japan's market wider to imported agricultural products.

Basic facts and figures for the election tomorrow for Japan's house of councilors: At stake—126 of the 252 seats in the less powerful upper house of Japan's two-house parliament.

Indian Navy to hold exercise

Colombo may lift censorship

NEW DELHI, July 22. (Agencies): An Indian naval task force will hold an exercise near Sri Lanka in an apparent display of power aimed at pressing Colombo to relent on an ultimatum for an Indian troop withdrawal by July 29, Western diplomats said.

The diplomats added that the flotilla also would give New Delhi the means to evacuate its nationals from Sri Lanka, should anti-Indian violence erupt because of India's refusal to meet the evacuation deadline set by President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Indian officials confirmed the exercise would be held, but were unable to say when it would begin and were circumspect about the precise linkage to the fierce diplomatic dispute with Colombo.

"It looks like something is in the works," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Aftab Seth. "It could be a straight-forward exercise or part of the machinery of withdrawal."

Another senior Indian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, reported the Navy was "automatically" positioning vessels should they be needed for any reason. "They do not want to get caught with their pants down," he said.

But Western diplomats said the exercise was apparently intended as a show of force aimed at pressuring Premadasa to relent on his July 29 deadline and negotiate a compromise with New Delhi on the withdrawal of India's 60,000 soldiers from northeastern Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan government said it would consider easing censorship, which politicians criticized yesterday as setting the stage for spreading rumors.

"Censoring the press has never helped," Agriculture Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said. "If it is extended, it becomes counter-productive because it helps fuel rumors."

Opposition members said the move had backfired and become "a joke against the government." Foreign Minister Rajan Wijeratne said the government would reconsider the issue and "probably lift it where the foreign media is concerned."

Earlier yesterday, parliament approved a government proposal to extend strict emergency laws for another month.

Premadasa has unequivocally told Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi that he would have no option but to treat the Indo-Sri Lanka peace accord "as being inimical to Sri Lanka's sovereignty and national interests" if "the agreement should be construed (by India) as creating an obligation for the Indian armed forces to remain in Sri Lanka territory without the concurrence and against the expressed wishes of the Sri Lanka government."



Last respects

The wife of slain Tamil guerrilla leader Uma Maheswaran, wipes her husband's face at a Colombo funeral parlour on Thursday. Maheswaran, leader of the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, was shot dead by unidentified assailants last Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

H-bomb never recovered

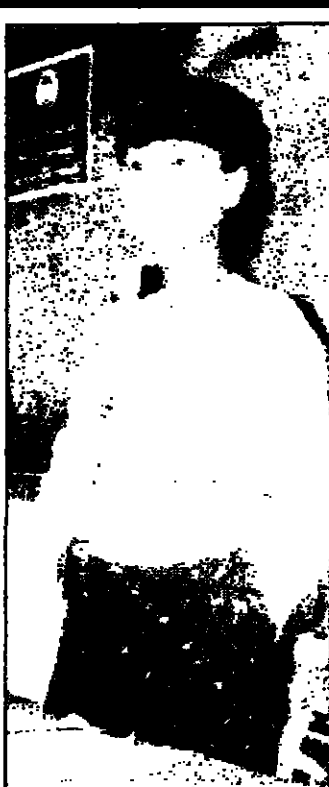
Sea declared safe

TOKYO, July 22. (AP): The government yesterday pronounced safe an area of ocean near a southern Japanese island where a hydrogen bomb accidentally fell from a US aircraft carrier 24 years ago.

The Science and Technology Agency declared the area had normal radiation levels and was safe, ending a month-long examination of fish, seaweed and water. The density of plutonium in six samples of surface water taken near the accident site, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) from a small island off Okinawa, in southern Japan, was within a permissible level, according to the final report, released by the agency yesterday.

All eight samples of water taken from as deep as 4,500 metres (14,850 feet) contained no more plutonium than waters in other areas off Japan, the report said.

Earlier in July, the agency said in a mid-term report that it had found no abnormalities in fish and seaweed in fishing grounds nearest to where an A-4 Skyhawk plane carrying a one-megaton H-bomb rolled off the carrier Ticonderoga 24 years ago.



Aung San Suu Kyi addresses a meeting. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rangoon sealed off from world

BANGKOK, July 22. (Reuters): Rangoon's military rulers kept Myanmar (formerly Burma) sealed off from the outside world for a third day today.

Telecommunications were cut on Thursday when troops surrounded the homes of opposition leaders Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo and placed them under house arrest.

Telex lines were opened briefly yesterday to allow Rangoon-based journalists to send reports of a government news conference explaining the arrests.

A state radio broadcast of the conference said Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo, leaders of the main opposition party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), had been arrested for activities "which could endanger the state."

The two may be confined to their homes for a year and allowed to see only family members.

"Family members allowed outside may not contact foreign embassies, political parties or those having contact with political parties," the radio said.

Airlinks with Rangoon remained open. Passengers arriving in Bangkok yesterday said the capital was quiet but that there were thousands of soldiers patrolling the streets.

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 22. (AP): Aung San Suu Kyi, who was placed under house arrest by military authorities Thursday, entered the political stage less than a year ago to become the country's leading voice for democracy.

The daughter of Burma's assassinated independence hero, Aung San, returned to Rangoon from her home in Britain in April 1988 to care for her ailing mother and found herself in the midst of an unprecedented nationwide campaign to

end authoritarianism.

She sided with the student protesters and stayed with them after the military coup last September in which Army commander Gen. Saw Maung seized power.

Her campaign rallies now commonly draw thousands of people, and Western diplomats say authorities have been deeply concerned she could win a general election promised for early next year.

The slight frame of Ms Suu Kyi, 44,

believes a steely political will that has brushed off military intimidation and what she says have been veiled threats against her life. She had no prior political experience before last year.

Many Burmese attribute her widespread support to her unprecedented denunciation of the military and strongman Ne Win, who she charges is still pulling the strings although he officially retired last year from 26 years of autocratic rule.

Her first appearance on the Burmese political stage was last Aug. 15 when she attempted to mediate between the protesting students and the Army by writing an open letter to then President Maung Maung.

But when she spoke outside Rangoon's glittering Shwedagon Pagoda on August 26, at the height of last year's pro-democracy movement, witnesses said she drew what may have been the largest crowd ever seen in Rangoon.



Kim Hyun-Hui is taken to Seoul appeals court by women escorts today. (Reuters wirephoto)

President may pardon 'Death' upheld

SEOUL, South Korea, July 22. (AP): A Seoul appellate court today upheld the death sentence imposed on a confessed North Korean agent for the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner that killed all 115 people.

Kim Hyun-Hui, 27, showed little sign of emotion with her eyes downcast when senior judge Lee Yong-II found her guilty of violating national security, criminal and aviation laws and sentenced her to death by hanging.

The appellate court ruling came as no surprise, because government officials have privately indicated that the communist agent would be pardoned even if the verdict is upheld through the Supreme Court. President Roh Tae-Woo is expected to grant special pardon in the case because of Kim's potential value first hand witness to North Korean atrocities.

Several relatives of victims of the bombing cried and shouted insults when Kim, clad in white jacket and pants, was escorted by two security guards into the packed courtroom. An older female relative collapsed and had to be helped by others.

Hundreds of security guards surrounded the courtroom and checked all people entering the courtroom. The judge described the bombing as "atrocious and unethical" and said Kim deserves severe punishment for killing "innocent people."

Ethnic strife in Pakistan

3 more die in riots

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 22. (Reuters): A mother and baby were killed by a sniper in the south Pakistan city of Hyderabad and a man was stabbed to death, raising to 10 the death toll in three days of ethnic violence.

The killings yesterday occurred after the temporary lifting of a curfew imposed following earlier violence. Ethnic riots erupted on Wednesday in Hyderabad, 175 km (110 miles) east of Karachi, after tension between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants.

More than 950 people have been killed in ethnic strife in Karachi and Hyderabad since October 1986. Police said a sniper shot dead Bano Qureshi and her infant daughter Sadia yesterday and wounded an 80-year-old woman. A rioter stabbed to death Mohammad Akram Hesbani, they added.

Troops called in after violence earlier yesterday had allowed a two-hour break in curfew for prayers, but the break ended in bloody clashes, a resident said.

Police said more than 80 people had been rounded up since Wednesday in Hyderabad on various charges including shooting, stabbing, looting and arson.

Karachi's two universities, closed after student gunbattles two weeks ago, reopened today under close Army supervision. Police said soldiers were searching suspects among the 10,000 students at the two universities and checking vehicles entering and leaving.

Shells hit refugee camps

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 22. (AP): Artillery hit a Khmer Rouge refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodian border for a second day today killing an undetermined number of people and forcing thousands to flee, a Western relief official said.

There were two attacks—one in the early morning and a second just before 10 am (0300 GMT), he said. There were unconfirmed reports that up to four people were killed and seven more wounded, said the sources, who asked not to be identified by name.

The official said the shelling over the past two days was the heaviest ever on the Site 8 camp, which is about 250 kilometers (156 miles) east of Bangkok and separated from Cambodia by sheer rock cliffs.

The refugees headed for an evacuation site about two kilometers (1.25 miles) from the refugee camp, which is home to some 40,000 Cambodians, the official said.

A spokesman for the UN Border Relief Operation (UNBRO) responsible for Site 8 condemned the attack.

Yesterday a 22-year-old man was killed and 19 other refugees wounded, including two small children, as 27 or 28 shells crashed into the camp, according to an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Human rights

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22. (KUNA): About 150 participants from 15 countries will attend the first regional conference on "human rights in Islam" beginning here next Thursday.

The three-day conference, organized by the Malaysian Policy Study Institute (IKD) with the co-operation of the Libyan World Islamic Call Society and National University of Malaysia (UKM), is aimed at giving an understanding and clear picture of human rights in the Islamic perspective and their differences from universal human rights.

IKD chairman Kamaruddin Jaffar told a news conference here today that 12 working papers covering the history of human rights, their differences with the Western world and women's rights in Islam would be tabled.

Funeral held

TOKYO, July 22. (AP): Tens of thousands of people attended funeral services for popular singer Hibari Misora in eight cities across Japan today, as five of the country's six television networks broadcast the Buddhist rites for up to four hours. Police said an estimated 72,000 mourners attended the services in Tokyo, Sapporo, Sendai, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Takamatsu and Fukuoka.

Hibari, a symbol of Japan's post-war perseverance and reconstruction to millions of Japanese, died of heart failure on June 24. She was 52.

Submarine force

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22. (Reuters): Malaysia will have an operational submarine force by 1996, its deputy defence minister said today.

Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha told reporters Malaysia would decide what submarines to buy by the end of this year.

He said Navy personnel had gone for submarine training over the past two years to France, West Germany and Britain—three countries which have offered to sell Malaysia submarines.

Sweden and the Netherlands had also submitted proposals but Malaysia would need six years to develop the infrastructure for the vessels, the official Bernama News Agency quoted him as saying.

Laos epidemic

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 22. (AP): A dysentery and diarrhoea epidemic in northern Laos has affected about 1,700 people and caused an undetermined number of deaths, a state radio report monitored here today said.

Authorities have sent 90 extra medical personnel to the province of Luang Prabang, and set aside 5.7 million kip (about \$10,000) to deal with the epidemic, Radio Vietnamese said.

Initial reports said the epidemic had affected 1,752 people and some had died, the radio said. It did not say how many had died.

Thais held

BANGKOK, July 22. (Reuters): Three Thais have been arrested for killing 56 Vietnamese boat people in the latest of a spate of bloody attacks in the Gulf of Thailand, police said yesterday.

Thai officials said the fishermen used knives and axes to kill all but two of the people on board a refugee boat on March 26.

Some of the victims had their knapsacks swimming to safety, to prevent them from drowning.

The boat people were attacked three days after they sailed from the southern Vietnam town of Vung Tao. Ten of the victims were women.

Spread of AIDS

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 22. (AP): Amid differing statistics on the spread of AIDS in Thailand, a leading health expert on Thursday accused the government of withholding information on the deadly disease out of fear it would harm the tourist industry.

Tourism is the country's No. 1 income earner and large numbers of foreigners are customers of Thailand's sex parlours.

Dr Debbanom Muanman, dean of public health at Mahidol University, said Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome already has spread widely throughout the country.

Debbanom said in an interview that official AIDS statistics were confusing and "far behind what was really happening."

Religious freedom

MANILA, July 22. (Reuters): Evangelists from 166 nations ended a 10-day congress in the Philippines on Thursday hoping for complete religious freedom in the Soviet Union and other communist states.

"Just governments have nothing to fear from Christians," a manifesto from more than 4,000 delegates said. "The Protestant congress deplored the recent brutal suppression of China's democratic movement" and hoped Islamic and Hindu countries would become "more open to the Gospel."

Typhoon kills 24

BEIJING, July 22. (AP): Torrential rains and floods caused by typhoon Hope have killed at least 24 people and injured 1,000 in eastern China, just days after typhoon Gordon took 17 lives, an official report said today.

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9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair: local programme
9.30 Cartoons
10.15 Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial
11.10 Ezaj: local serial, starring: Ghanem Al Saleh, Zainab Al Dhahi, Maryam Al Ghabban and Dawood Husain
12.15 That's Incredible: foreign programme
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Falouna: cartoon serial
2.15 Hara Nasiha Al Zaman: Arabic serial (Part 2)
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial
4.00 Caracoon Fi Eshare: Arabic feature film, starring: Adel Imam and Yusra
6.00 Holy Quran Stories: children's serial
7.00 Space Invasion: cultural programme
7.30 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: local programme
8.30 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat: local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Haribat Mina Al Madhi: daily Arabic serial (Part 7)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

10.45 Variety: late night show with guest star Mohammed Rushdi, presented by Amal Abdullah
12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World Today via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Care Bears Cartoon serial
6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Stunt." Mike accepts a challenge and makes a daring dive.
7.00 Architecture at the Crossroads: tonight, a look at Berlin and the architectural heritage of this city.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Maelstrom: "House of Secrets." Catherine falls in love and has to decide whether she wants to stay in Norway or continue her journey.
9.30 The Secret World: "Jungles, the Green Hell." This programme unravels the mystery of the forests and hills.
10.00 Kate and Allie: "Piano Lessons." Kate's ex-



Adel Imam in KTV 1 Arabic film 'Caracoon Fi Eshare' at 4.00 pm today.

husband buys a piano for his daughter. Comedy.
Best Seller: "The Monocled Mutineer." "Dead Man on Leave" is the title of tonight's episode. The mutiny was suppressed and Toplis goes underground. Based on the book by

William Allison and John Fairley, it tells the story of the life and violent death of Percy Toplis, a petty criminal and racketeer who served as a soldier during World War I.
11.30 News Summary: Magazine, D'Actualite, Holy Quran/Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Space Mutiny
Al Hamra
Combat Killers
Al Salamiya
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani
Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Jaya Prada
Fahadeel Open-Air
7 Bijliyaan

Al Fahadeel
Force of Shaolin Boxer
Al Jahra
Saawal
Granada
Ram Lakhani
Al Sulaibikhat
Iron Master
Al Jleeb
Marzaada
Almadi Drive-In
Extreme Prejudice

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Kuwait
Al Hajri Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street, Al Hajri Building
Ebin Rushd Pharmacy
Souk Duaij, Souk Kuwait Building
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Hana Pharmacy
Nugra, Beirut Street, the

Nugra Complex
Salamiya and Kunsalithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Amman Street

Fahadeel and Almadi
Al Sheeba Pharmacy
Fahadeel
Farwaniya
Al Taawon Pharmacy
Main Street

Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
The Commercial Market

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Saudi House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

Sargavadi's Saakshi
AUGUST 3, (Thursday): Sargavadi, the cultural wing of Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress, on the eve of Nehru Centenary celebrations, will be staging one of the most popular Malayalam social plays - Saakshi, at the Indian Arts Circle Auditorium at 6.30 pm.
Written by Varughese Paul, directed by Jayan Pattathu and co-directed by Miss Shirley John, the characters are represented by Baby Thomas, C.C. Jose, Josekutty, Ninan Thangalathil, Emmanuel, Babychan, Mrs Mary Sebastian, Mrs Annamma Kurian, Miss Shirley John and Miss Shiny John. Lyrics by Rajendra Babu, music direction Viswala. Lead singers are Unnikrishnan and Mrs Lekshmi Vijayakumar.

KAPILKU Children's Contest
AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Plaza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Independents ball
AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Tivim Centre
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HOTELS

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At Berdoweb beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese Mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and Hubble Bubble.

At the Kuwait International FAJALAKA Restaurant: Moroccan Food Promotion from July 22 to 27. Presents tempting dishes from Casablanca and exotic desserts from Northern Sahara. For lunch and dinner, Ext. 8012. La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese,

Indian, Mexican, Africa, Italian, British, German, Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext. 8166
Garden Pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our barbecue event every Friday afternoon.

At the Hotel Pullman
AT the Elysees Restaurant: everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

At the Al Shaila coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

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SPORTS

Keep Fit
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.32 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30
Maghreb	6.46
Isha	8.13

Health service to be computerised

New cards may be issued

THE director of the Computer Information Centre at the Ministry of Public Health Abdul Qader Al Gharaballi has said that the computerisation of health services would cost KD30 million and save 25 per cent of the total budget allocated for the ministry.

He told a local daily that attempts to computerise health

services boomeranged against financial limitations but such a step in the process of service development was important.

Gharaballi said that the need for the introduction of computers into medical services was constantly increasing, particularly in the field of medical research as practising doctors need to keep in touch with the

latest developments in this field. He said that the computers were used in certain departments, where the medical history of a patient could be accessible after entering the patient's health code number, and the computers would also help locate a bed for in-patients based on their medical condition.

He pointed out that during the

recent expansions of the centre, a total of 25 Kuwaiti technicians and administrators were appointed bringing the total number of staff to 160.

Gharaballi revealed the ministry's intention to issue new magnetic health cards with embossed personal information of the carrier besides a special health code number.

Electricity study to be completed next year

MANAMA, July 22, (GNA): The assistant undersecretary at the Bahraini Ministry of Electricity and Water Jameel Al Alawi has said that studies related to the GCC electrical inter-linkage project will be completed next year.

He said in a press statement that the proposed GCC unified electrical grid will, among other things, reduce the cost of electrical projects. He also paid tribute to the existing GCC co-operation in the fields of electricity and water.

Alawi added that a series of meetings would be held between senior officials from the member states to discuss the unification of electrical and water equipment specifications and ways of co-operation in the field of training and maintenance.

Meeting

Meanwhile, the Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad daily has said that a meeting would be held on August 20 by representatives from Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey to discuss the possibility of linking all five states through a unified electrical network to meet their demand and reduce power generation cost.

The paper quoted official Arab sources as saying that an extensive meeting was held in Ankara early this month with representatives from these five countries to review the outcome of the project's feasibility study, adding that contacts were currently under way with the Lebanese authorities to make Lebanon a sixth beneficiary from this project and to enable this war-torn country to overcome its existing power crisis.

Cattle subsidy necessary: Sultan

THE director of animal health department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Abdul Mohsen Al Qallaf has said that the authority will proceed within the coming few days to construct five new parks in Riqqa, Fintas, Fahadeel, Hadiyya and Sabahiya. The construction period of each is 18 months.

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Expired foodstuff quandary grows

Buyers urged to check validity

WITH the rise of food poisoning cases caused by the consumption of outdated food items sold at local co-ops, a local daily has embarked on a solo quest to determine who is responsible for this phenomenon: the supplier, the seller or the consumer?

Such a question was answered by a number of people who were interviewed by the newspaper to learn of their reaction and individual account for the rise of this phenomenon.

Salem Al Hmoud said that the production and expiry dates of any food item that he bought at the co-op or the supermarket were the first things he would look for before deciding to buy the item or not. But usually he would not buy items with short validity periods in great quantities, especially milk based products, which were quite often responsible for mishaps involving food poisoning.

Abu Samry said that he once discovered that the food item he had bought expired before the due date and he immediately reported the incident to the manager of the supermarket from where he had bought the stuff so that the remaining quantity was

removed from shelves before other consumers bought them.

He said it also happened once that his son discovered a piece of wood in his sandwich and despite the fact that he reported the incident to the proper authorities at the municipality no action was taken.

Ahmad Saleh Al Abdali said that extra inspection visits by the relevant authorities to food-selling centres would be useful in monitoring the sales of outdated foodstuff and putting an end to tragic incidents caused by food poisoning.

Abdullah Hamed Al Bader said that it was safer to buy a food item whose validity extended to at least a year, and that he would never think of buying outdated items at reduced prices, as the problem was not so much in the money one paid as in the health he was putting in jeopardy.

He urged Kuwait Municipality departments to play a greater role in combating the sale of outdated food items, stressing the need for all consumers to double-check the validity date on the items they were intending to buy.

Wafa Shaheen said that she

would pay double attention to the items that her children would unwittingly place in the trolley while she did her shopping at the co-op, and that few people pay attention to what children laid their hands on at the market.

She added that once she reported an incident in which one item that she bought turned out to be invalid for consumption due to the expiry of its validity date, and was surprised to find out that the management of the supermarket in question did not know of the existence of such items in the market.

She stressed the importance of regular checking by staff at any co-op or food-selling centre of the validity dates on the items on display lest they would have to bear the responsibility for a mishap caused by an outdated food item, whether canned or packaged.

Huda Al Sahatt said that all things she would double check the validity date of baby food she would buy at the co-op or the supermarket, and that if she should spot something invalid she would report that to the relevant co-op authorities to take immediate action.

Five new parks in Kuwait soon

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Land allocation discussed at housing meeting

KUWAIT, July 22, (KUNA): A meeting was held today for the Higher Housing Council under its chairman, HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to discuss reports tabled by the Public Housing Authority on available land lots for the Fourth Five-Year Plan (1990/91 to 1994/95), the council secretary Dr Ibrahim Majid Al Shakin said.

He told KUNA that the meeting was held at the decision of the higher council at its July 5th session and added that the meeting was attended by ministers of social affairs and labour, acting state minister for housing affairs, planning, oil, state for municipal affairs, finance and communication in addition to heads of the council's affiliate committees.

Shakin said that the conferees discussed the land plots available for the fourth housing plan that was earlier referred to it by the council.

They also discussed other areas that could replace previous ones which, due to presence of certain hurdles, could not be used for housing purposes, the secretary said.

He noted that the conferees resolved to ask for more information and data on available state lands that could be allocated to the authority and that would be later tabled at the council's forthcoming session.

Projects based on individual donations

AMC strictly non-political, says Sumait

SECRETARY General of African Muslims Committee (AMC) based in Kuwait Dr Abdul Rahman Al Sumait has denied that his committee belongs to political organisation or party. He added that the committee was established by a few persons to introduce Islamic concepts to Africans. Sumait said that Islam came to Africa 1,300 years ago. But visits to some African countries have shown that Muslim children do not go to school because they do not have the money to pay the token fees.

In Malawi (7 million population) there are 486,000 children who do not go to school for the same purpose although the fees are only about two US dollars a year. He added that churches and missionaries allowed any Muslim to join their schools if they converted.

"When we returned from a visit to Malawi a few years ago we decided to establish the committee which is now run by a large number of graduates and many of them are physicians, engineers and lawyers," Sumait said.

Commenting on sources of financial support, Sumait said that the committee is a charity institution and mainly depends on the donations and contributions as well as alms of the individual. The Kuwait government supports the committee with facilities, offers diplomatic facilities with African countries and air freight of relief materials. He added that Kuwait Air Force does not hesitate to

provide transport planes for relief work.

More than 650 flights carrying relief materials covered 38 African countries, Sumait said and added that more than 60 per cent of the collected relief and money came to the committee from outside Kuwait. He added that the committee is also active among the rich Muslims in Africa and around one million US dollars are annually collected from the Muslim community in South Africa. The governments do not contribute to the committee, rather it is collected from individual Muslims in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and UAE. "We also collect donations from individuals in Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan and Morocco," he said.

Co-ordination

Sumait pointed out that different charity committees and organisations co-ordinate in order to organise their activities and to avoid contradiction. He added that there is a co-ordinating council established to introduce relief for needy people in Sudan. He added that about 16 Kuwaiti charity societies and committees take part in the council.

Sumait pointed out that AMC is now running 114 modern schools and 840 religious schools in which more than half million African students are studying. "We also have 1,850 teachers and activists who get their payments from the committee. This number of teachers and activists is more than the number sent by Arab countries altogether.

Most of these activists and teachers are African nationals and only 250 of them are Arabs. A project to send Kuwaiti physicians and technicians as well as other youths to Africa has also begun. The committee has built more than 600 mosques which are built according to the demand of contributors. Priority is given to building schools and not mosques, Sumait said. The committee pays school tuitions for about 65,000 Muslim pupils. He added that the committee sent 150 African students to pursue their higher studies out of Africa at the expense of the committee. 70 of them are studying to get their masters and doctorate degrees, he said.

Projects

The committee distributed more than 65,000 tons of foodstuffs and medicine in Africa. The committee dug about 650 water wells during this year in different places in Africa. A number of agricultural and animal projects such as a farm in Malawi (4.5 million square metres) which contains 1,000 cows, 100,000 trees for wood and tens of thousands of fruit and coffee trees was also carried out.

The vegetables produced by farms of the committee covered the needs of people of the biggest city in Malawi this year.

He added that the committee has 38 medical centres and hospitals including the biggest hospital in Sierra Leone which was opened recently by the president of that country.

OBITUARY

The staff of Design Section, Water Dept. MEW express their heartfelt condolences and sympathies to Mr. Abdul Rasheed Abdul Lateef on the sad death of his

MOTHER

May her soul rest in peace

Rate of eye injuries in Kuwait high

Cataracts successfully treated

TUDY made by the ophthalmological department of Ibn Sina Hospital has shown that the rate of eye injuries is very high. 60 per cent of these injuries are reported among children while the rest are reported among adults.

The study added that factory workers are prone to eye injuries because of a lack of safety glasses in the workplace. Children's eyes are usually damaged because of catapults and dirt.

An ophthalmologist at the hospital Dr. Khalifa Al Ajmi said that some eye injuries are caused by thorns of palm trees and that seven people were admitted to the Ibn Sina Hospital from eye injuries caused by the bills of sea gulls. These people were fishing in Gulf waters when they were attacked by the gulls.

Ajmi pointed out that lens transplant surgery has rapidly developed in Kuwait and that about 1,000 lenses are transplanted annually. These surgeries are made to treat cataract of the eyes and can successfully correct eyesight to a normal 6/6, he said.

Inflammations

He warned against the use of contact lenses in Kuwait, saying that ignorant use of these lenses could create more problems for users. He urged users to continually clean and care for lenses to avoid inflammation of the cornea. Sand and high temperatures

make the use of contact lenses quite inconvenient, Ajmi said.

Commenting on eye diseases in Kuwait, Ajmi said the people in Kuwait usually suffer from allergies, while cataracts and glaucoma are the main reason why so many old people in Kuwait go blind.

Ajmi strongly defended the quality of eye surgery at Ibn Sina Hospital, describing claims that these surgeries are not up to standard, as completely false. He

added that work and training at the Ophthalmology department of the Ibn Sina Hospital is recognised by Royal Colleges in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Ophthalmologists who work at the Ibn Sina were tested at these colleges and were not found wanting, Ajmi said. He also denied allegations that surgeries performed on people turned them blind. "The hospital transplants imported corneas and the success rate is very high, Ajmi said.



Amir receives Gabid

HH the Amir received in audience yesterday Secretary-General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) on the occasion of his visit to the country. The audience was attended by Foreign Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al Shaheen.

Wafra power cut kills 12,000 chickens

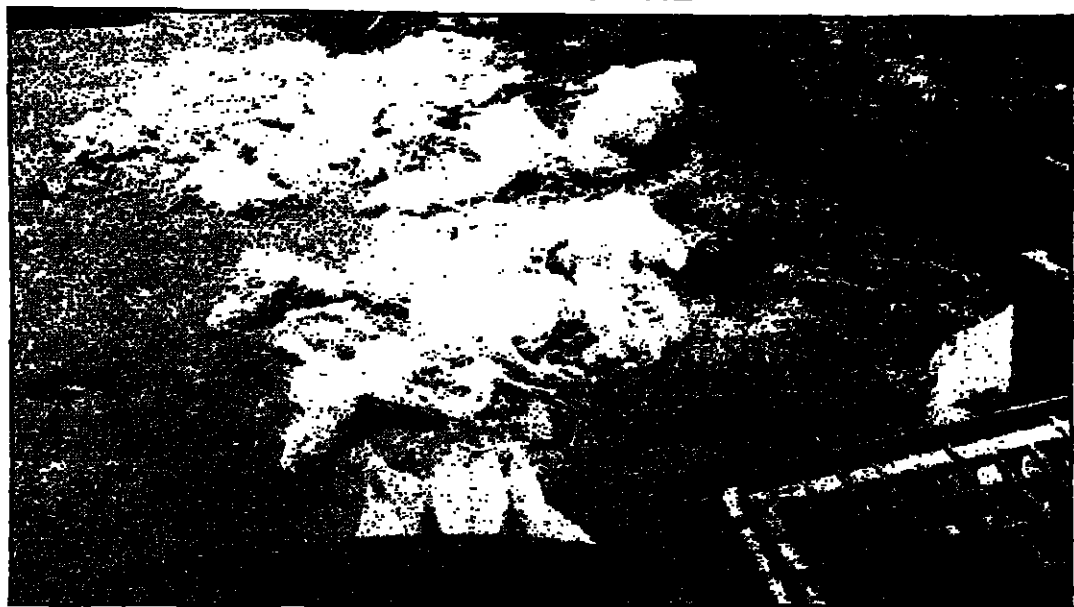
Losses estimated at KD48,000

By Nashat Al Agha

POWER failure, for five days, on the second day of Eid Adha in Wafra area, caused a death of about 12,000 egg-laying chickens of one farm only, farm owners said yesterday.

They estimated their losses at about KD48,000. The farm owners claim that the electric power is cut three to four times every week in Wafra area, causing acute damage to their farms.

The chairman of the Chicken Producers Co-operative Society, Jassim Al Sawarej confirmed his claim. He said that under such extreme summer conditions, chickens, particularly those aged for meat, die within one hour if they don't get enough sunlight. He said that electricity was disconnected on the second day of Eid from 6.00 to 11.00 am causing a huge damage in the farms. He added that it seemed that the Ministry of Electricity and Water relies upon the fact that some farms have their own generators, forgetting that some of these generators are broken sometimes.



Dead chickens at a Wafra farm

Al Sawarej sharply criticised the Ministry of Electricity and Water and asked about the ministry's alternative plans in case of power failures. He said that being the sector, directly involved in food security, must get much more attention, but it seems that not all officials care about this aspect. He added that with each power failure, water supply also suffers because the water pumps are operated by electric power. He wondered if the Ministry of Electricity and Water was doing to solve this permanent problem. He said that the ministry's plans to supply

electricity were based on information that there were only 80 farms in Wafra. The number, he said, has now risen to over 500 and the plans have not been amended. He was off the opinion that the excess load was the main cause of the frequent failures.

Al Sawarej said that the nearest Electricity Emergency Centre for Failaka was in Fahaheel city, about 70 kilometres away. Hence it takes a very long time for the electricity emergency service to come to their rescue. Describing the emergency service procedure, he said that first the emergency vehicle arrives to determine the fault. Later, an engineer comes to fix it and during this time, the damage

is done.

He wondered how the officials talk about linking Kuwait with other countries. He added that the ministry had a building for emergency services in Wafra but it had not yet opened. He said that the ministry had promised that the centre would be opened in June but nothing had happened so far.

Al Sawarej announced that he would take the matter up with the higher authorities. He expressed confidence that the higher authorities would pay due attention to this problem. He added that the problem now is that a number of chicken breeders have started thinking of quitting the business, which greatly affects the country's efforts in achieving

food security. Al Sawarej said that among 500 different farms in Wafra, there are 32 chicken farms, 4 of them for egg-laying chickens. Each egg-laying poultry farm costs more than half a million dinars and the chicken meat farm costs over KD40,000.

Abdulla Al Hababan, a citizen in Wafra, said that there was no reason for power failure. At this time of the year. He added that the work of two months was lost in a matter of two hours. Other farmers in the area, complained of sand movements. They said that the officials have repeatedly promised them to find a solution to this problem, but so far sand movement is contributing to the damage of their farms.

Five years, KD5,000 fine for dealing in narcotics

THE Criminal Court sentenced two men to five years imprisonment and fined them KD5,000 each for trading in narcotics for lack of evidence. The court heard that a police officer upon learning that one of the two men was trading in opium sent a secret informer with KD1,000 to buy half a kilo from him. The informer gave the money to the accused who told him that he was going to prepare the quantity. The officer at that time arrested him and found with him small quantities of opium and the police money. On searching his house, about 200 grammes of opium were also found.

During interrogation, one of the accused said that he got the opium from the second accused. The second accused was then arrested and the police found with him a quantity of opium. Both said that they got the opium from a third man, who denied having any relation with them. No narcotics were found with the third man by police. In the court, the first two accused confessed possessing opium but said it was for personal use only. The court said that the quantity of opium seized from them was big and it was prepared into small pieces thus making it ready for selling. But the court said that the other accused was not involved as no evidence was supplied that he was trading in narcotics. The court also ordered the two men to be deported after the jail term.

Indian student at Cornell

SHIREEN SACHDEV, an Indian born student at the American School of Kuwait, is currently attending the Cornell University Summer College, a programme for outstanding high school juniors and seniors who are enrolled in college courses.

Miss Sachdev is one of more than 700 high school participants from 50 countries and 42 states who were admitted to the programme on the basis of high school record, application essays, recommendations, and standardized test scores. In addition, she was one of a select group chosen to participate in Summer College's Psychology Programme.

Summer College offers students the opportunity to explore university life before they must make the difficult decision necessary for applying to colleges.

Summer College students enrol in regular university courses alongside Cornell undergraduates and, during the six weeks they are on campus, participate in academic, cultural and social activities. In addition to attending classes and taking part in workshops on college study skills and the college admissions process, they explore academic and career opportunities in one of fifteen areas ranging from architecture to veterinary medicine.

Financial co-operation improving Egypt acts to ease Kuwaiti investments

By Lima Al Khalafawi

Arab Times Staff

THE Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait, Saeed M. Rifaat, yesterday held a press conference on the 37th anniversary of Egypt's July revolution.

Rifaat said that bilateral relations between Egypt and Kuwait have developed remarkably during the last two years.

He added that these relations were not affected by the decrease of Arab-Egyptian relations in the past ten years.

The ambassador said that President Mubarak's visit to Kuwait in 1988 was the beginning of new interactions.



Rifaat... Increase

Later on, many agreements and pacts were signed between officials from the two countries. Visits between Kuwaiti and Egyptian officials discussed the field of electricity and water in addition to the signing of an arms deal between Kuwait and Egypt.

The ambassador said that relations between both countries focus on four points: trade, investments, culture and information.

In the trade field, co-operation increased between the two countries and the volume of trade in 1988 reached KD10.7 million. By the end of 1988 it increased approximately to KD15 million. But the increase has not yet fulfilled ambitions, he said.

Rifaat added that an agreement took place for establishing two commercial centres for both countries Egypt and Kuwait.

He added that co-operation in the economic and financial field is steadily improving. Two agreements were signed with the Kuwaiti Fund, one of KD7 million for protecting Rasheed Beach and the other of KD10 million for developing medicine factories, both in Egypt.

In the investment field, Egypt had prepared new measures to encourage investments there, and a law was issued concerning

ownership of real estate for Kuwaitis in Egypt. Another agreement of protecting investments was signed during the visit of the Kuwaiti Finance Minister, Jassim Al Khorafi, in May 1989. He added co-ordination is taking place in the field of information and culture.

The ambassador said that continuous integration is taking place irrespective of the level. Replying to a question about the time and effect of restoring relations between Syria and Egypt, Rifaat said, that he cannot precisely state a time for that, and denied that such restoration would affect relations between Iraq and Egypt.

Kuwait's role in the Lebanon crisis was praised by the officials. He added that moves within the Arab frame provides a good chance to find a solution to this problem, and maintain peace and sovereignty of Lebanon.

The ambassador denied Egypt's involvement in any role regarding recent events that took place in Sudan, and added that Egypt's recognition of Sudan's new government came from its approval of Sudan's new policy and good neighbourliness. He added that it is difficult to predict whether Sudan will join the

ACC. The new government there is keen to solve the problems of the South, its economy, and its isolation from the Arab world, Rifaat said.

Commenting on Egypt's role around the Palestinian problem and the peace conference, Rifaat said, that what causes the confusion now is what is taking place inside Israel. The difficulty has arisen from the new four terms added by the Likud Party. "Our general attitude was that no one can totally refuse the principal of elections, but the problem is how the election should be carried out, its aim, neutrality its guarantee for a comprehensive settlement. The first initiative for self-determination based on elections was not refused by us or Palestinians. We are not afraid of elections and I don't think intifada is either, but the main point is the aim of these elections, whether they are linked to a comprehensive settlement or to local reasons," the ambassador said.

He added that with the new terms, matters become difficult. After that Israeli statements indicated that election plans have not been altered. Confusion occurred due to the internal conflicting reports inside Israel.

The official, said he cannot define a date for the peace conference and stressed that the general concept for solving the problem is in fact through this conference.

He ruled out that the uncovering recently of an American espionage network in Egypt will affect relations between the two countries. The ambassador denied rumours of Kuwait having any role in the Arab Industrialisation Authority.

Rifaat said that President Mubarak's leadership extends its continuity and legitimacy from the July 23 revolution. Mubarak's leadership is concentrating on internal and external fronts.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST LIC comes to the Gulf

LIFE Insurance Corporation (International) EC, a company promoted by the Life Insurance Corporation of India along with the International Agencies Co. Ltd, Bahrain, will be inaugurated today. Bahrain's Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, Habib Ahmed Qassim and India's Union Minister of State for Economic Affairs, Eduardo Foleiro will participate in the inaugural function.

According to a press statement issued to the Arab Times by the Indian Embassy this is the first time that the LIC is starting its operation in the Gulf. The new offshore company will transact life insurance business among expatriate Indians initially in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. The service will gradually be extended to the other Gulf and Arab countries in the future. The statement further added that the company will also attend to the problems of non-resident Indians in respect of their Indian register policies. A large number of expatriate Indians hold life insurance policies with the LIC of India and the facility now being offered by the new subsidiary will be a substantial one.

The new company will be marketing six life insurance plans like whole life with limited payments with profit, endowment assurance with profits, double cover endowment and cash back plan for different terms and reducing premium endowment and premium back term insurance plans. Later, more plans suiting the specific requirements of the expatriate community will be introduced.

The company also proposes to work out suitable arrangements to enable non-resident Indians to build houses in India. LIC is a state-owned organisation formed 33 years ago amalgamating 245 private insurance companies in India. Last year LIC generated new business worth \$10,625 million.

Its annual income is over \$3,125 million. There are 36 million individual policies, while 16 million people are covered under group insurance schemes.

In addition, of the instance of the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the world's largest group insurance scheme was introduced by the LIC covering 30 million agricultural landless labourers. Four million integrated rural development programme beneficiaries have also been covered through another group scheme.

Cadbury's ban lifted

THE ban on one of the world's top chocolates has been officially lifted in Bahrain after a gap of fourteen years according to the Israeli Boycott Office.

Cadbury's chocolate will now once again be available in the island's market after its British company Cadbury's-Schweppes has been taken off the embargo list. The decision, which was taken by representatives of Israeli Boycott Committee throughout the Arab world at their 61st session, held in Damascus recently, has been confirmed by the director of the Bahrain office, Sayed Sayed.

It is not known however when the popular chocolate will be on sale in the island. The decision is made by the manufacturer, said Sayed.

A spokesman for Cadbury's-Schweppes said the company has at to receive any official confirmation about the decision of lifting the embargo on its products, but welcomed the move on behalf of the manufacturer.



Kuwaiti arrested

Detectives of the Capital Governorate arrested a Kuwaiti — Saud M for dealing in liquor and possessing a machine-gun. 70 cases of whisky and the machine-gun with 229 bullets were seized. Investigations are under way.

214 teachers to be transferred to various schools

THE acting undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Saad Al Rifai has said that only 214 teachers will be shifted from their schools to other schools from the beginning of next scholastic year in all stages. She added that 73 males and 141 female teachers will be shifted according to their demands. She added that no more teachers will be shifted to other schools in the coming year and not all of the education areas complain of a shortage of teachers.

Rifai however confirmed that there is a shortage in teachers at kindergartens (30 teachers) but that the problem was solved

by not promoting teachers to a supervisory position. It was also decided to increase the average number of children in the classroom at kindergartens to 25 children.

The ministry will benefit from Kuwaiti graduates of psychology who have been appointed as kindergarten teachers. 63 have been appointed this year. The ministry will organise training courses for these graduates to qualify them for their new work at the beginning of the scholastic year. She referred the shortage in teachers of kindergartens to the shortage in female graduates of the faculty of basic education

since the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training after increased period of study at the faculty to four years instead of two years. Many new kindergartens were opened for the new scholastic year which require more teachers, she said.

Commenting on promotions at the Ministry of Education Rifai said that these promotions were granted for distinctive qualifications. She also added that schools suffer from shortage of manpower in some administrative posts. She attributed the shortage to the holidays taken by qualified teachers. And also to the number of

graduates of training courses organised for teachers who are selected to occupying leading posts at schools. Schools suffer from an excess in numbers of Kuwaiti teachers who carry diplomas of art specially at the primary schools although the ministry terminated services of non-Kuwaiti teachers who hold the same diploma. There is also a surplus in number of Kuwaiti female teachers of sociology at the intermediate schools, but these would be shifted to other schools that need them. The ministry still requires 369 teachers of certain subjects specially for Arabic, English and Maths, she said.

Accidents

INTERIOR Ministry has said that 6 persons died and 46 others were injured as a result of traffic accidents during the last week in Kuwait. It added that 351 traffic accidents took place in the period from July 9-15, causing damage to 299 vehicles.

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ANC seeks to retain initiative

'Peace offensive'

FOR the first time, major anti-apartheid groups are acknowledging the possibility that the white government may try to seize the initiative in proposing a negotiated end to South Africa's racial conflict.

The prospect of a government "peace offensive" — perhaps including the release of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela — has prompted the ANC's exiled leadership and its supporters in South Africa to seek a unified stance regarding negotiations. They hope to reach a consensus within a week.

The activists and ANC guerrilla commanders say the government's manoeuvrings, including diplomatic overtures toward black Africa and President P.W. Botha's recent chat with Mandela, do not represent a sincere desire to end white-minority domination.

But the ANC, which has waged an anti-government bombing and sabotage campaign since 1961, appears worried that world opinion could tilt in the government's direction unless it comes up with a concrete, reasonable alternative to any proposals for talks put forward from other quarters.

"The issue facing us now is how to keep the initiative in our hands on this strategic matter of negotiations," the ANC said in a document drafted earlier this month.

"What positions should we elaborate to ensure that it is our opponent who is forced to respond to us and not the other way around?" the document asked. "Clearly, as a revolutionary movement, we cannot afford to tail behind the regime and fall into a defensive position, with the regime maintaining the offensive."

A more explicit statement, made public last week, was drafted in June at ANC headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, after a meeting involving leaders of the biggest militia opposition groups in South Africa — the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

The statement predicted that National Party leader F.W. de Klerk, expected to be elected president on Sept. 6, would back his call for all-party negotiations by meeting some of the longstanding preconditions of the ANC, such as releasing Mandela and his colleagues, lifting the state of emergency, and easing restrictions on opposition political activity.

As a result, the statement predicted, the ANC would face international pressure to abandon violence and possibly to modify its political demands, which include a socialist-oriented economy and a constitution affording no special protection for whites.

Proposal

"We have to present proposals on this issue before the rest of the world comes up with something," the joint statement said. "We need to formulate a concept which does not surrender our political strategy to take power."

News reports in South Africa — by state-controlled and independent media — suggest the militants are in a state of near-panic, fearing that the government's concept of negotiations might be accepted by long-time ANC supporters such as the Soviet Union and black African states.

Militant leaders deny any disarray. But they acknowledged in last month's joint statement a "need to act swiftly" and have been trying to formulate a position to present to the Organisation of African Unity at its annual summit meeting starting on July 29 in Ethiopia.

De Klerk says the National Party will extend voting rights to the black majority within five years. He has indicated his party will insist on some sort of white veto power over major policy decisions and will demand the continuation of segregated schools and neighbourhoods for whites who want them.

A United Democratic Front official, Mohammed Valli Moosa, said the government's "present utterances are not about genuine negotiations."

"In an attempt to break out of the crisis, (the government) is showing a false readiness to change so that they may demobilize the masses inside the country and ease international pressure," Valli Moosa said in a speech on July 13.

Such scepticism is understandable in light of past instances where the government raised false hopes of change. But this time, the government's agreement to grant independence to Namibia and its increasing contacts with black African states have improved its international standing, and the ANC might find it awkward to dismiss a "peace offensive" too curtly.

Herman Cohen, the top African specialist in the US State Department, predicted last month that De Klerk would come up with "interesting proposals" after the September election.

Cohen said ANC should be asked, "if the new government proposes a dialogue, will you be ready?" (Johannesburg — AP)

PRESS REVIEW

Izvestia: A Soviet newspaper expressed conviction that the Washington government is the real author of Shamir's elections plan in the occupied Arab lands.

In its weekly commentary, the *Izvestia* pointed to the crisis within the Israeli government which threatened the ruling coalition of the Likud and Labour parties.

It added that the US administration, which keeps opposing convocation of an international peace conference on peace in the Middle East, is hoping that Shamir's proposal will end the Palestinian uprising and exerting its utmost to preserve the Israeli ruling coalition.

Concluding, the paper stressed that an international peace conference is the only way out of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1588 — English Army assembles at Tilbury to repel invasion of England by Spanish Armada.
- 1595 — Spanish land at Cornwall, England, and burn Mousehold and Penzance before returning to their ships.
- 1631 — Sweden's King Gustavus II repulses imperialist force at Werben, Russia.
- 1759 — Russians under Saltykov defeat Prussians at Kay in Eastern Germany and one-fourth of Prussian Army of 27,000 is lost.
- 1785 — Prussia's Frederick the Great forms Die Furstenbund (League of German Princes).
- 1882 — Koreans attack Japanese legation in Seoul, provoking Chinese intervention.
- 1894 — Japanese troops seize palace in Seoul, Korea.
- 1913 — "Second Revolution" breaks out in south China.
- 1914 — Austria and Hungary issue ultimatum to Serbia after assassination of Archduke Ferdinand.
- 1945 — Marshal Henri Philippe Petain is put on trial, charged with betraying France in World War II.
- 1952 — General Mohammed Neguib seizes power in Egypt.
- 1954 — Indo-China settlement is approved by France's National Assembly.
- 1958 — Queen Elizabeth names four women to peerages — first women to sit in Britain's House of Lords.
- 1974 — Greece's military rulers announce they will turn nation back to civilian rule, and Constantine Caramanlis returns from self-imposed exile and is sworn in as premier.
- 1988 — Iran accuses Iraq of pushing deep into Iranian territory and using chemical weapons.



Both Rajiv Gandhi and Singh, each one at one time hailed as 'Mr. Clean', are now perceived by many voters with the same disillusionment — aloof, politically inept and surrounded by corrupt people.

Rajiv vs Rajah — who will win?

Clash of the Titans

STANDING on the red sandstone ramparts of the Mogul emperor's fort, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi invokes the slogans and names of ghosts — his mother and grandfather.

His message to the huge crowd below is clear — only he, as heir to a democratically elected dynasty, can hold together a national fabric whose delicate threads are being pulled by ethnic, social and religious divisions.

In the next parliamentary election, which must be held by the end of January, Gandhi will be seeking a second mandate against a fractious coalition led by Viswanath Pratap Singh, a former ally respected for his honesty but unproven as a national leader.

The 44-year-old Prime Minister's closest aides hint he probably won't wait that long.

Gandhi is keeping everyone on tenterhooks while embarking on a campaign spree that has covered 50,000 kilometres (35,000 miles) by road and air since June and made his personal pitch to more than 10 million of the 500 million potential voters.

India's founding fathers envisioned a multiparty system, but only one nationally viable party has emerged — the Congress party. Synonymous with the independence struggle, it has been guided by the strong will of Jawaharlal Nehru, the iron fist of his daughter, Indira Gandhi, and now by her son, Rajiv.

Only once since India gained independence from Britain 42 years ago have voters replaced the Congress with another government. In 1977, Mrs Gandhi was defeated after she lifted an 18-month state of emergency imposed to quell opposition. After 22 months of chaotic rule by the rival Janata party, Mrs Gandhi was re-elected.

This time, political analysts say, there is no major issue such as the emergency to galvanize public protest and forge a strong unity among an opposition split by dissension and conflict.

"If Indira Gandhi could be voted back into power after all that she did during the emergency just because people were fed up seeing a squabbling opposition rule the country, Rajiv Gandhi surely stands a very good chance of winning a second mandate, albeit a slender one," said Bhabani Sen Gupta, an analyst with the Centre for Policy Research.

Inset

Both Gandhi and Singh, each at one time hailed as "Mr. Clean," are now perceived by many voters with the same disillusionment — aloof, politically inept and surrounded by corrupt people.

"The picture is not clear. Many who make decisions feel the prime minister and the ruling party have become too brazen," said Bashiruddin

The Rajiv government's main strength lies in the fact that it offers stability, in sharp contrast to the squabbling opposition led by the Raja. The problem is its image. It is seen as bumbling, effete and corrupt. It is an embarrassment for anyone to support it. Yet, the truth is India cannot afford another experiment like the Janata period. Particularly at a time when the nation appears to be at a take-off stage.

The Raja's image has survived till now, despite all the efforts made to destroy it. He is seen as clean, stern and somewhat pompous in his moralistic postures. But fewer and fewer people seem to believe that he has the capacity to lead the nation. As for his crusade against corruption, who will listen to him any more? Surrounded by politicians like Devi Lal and Hegde, Vishwanath Pratap Singh has lost his moral authority.

Ahmed, a political scientist who tracks voting patterns. "But with his family's charisma and background, even if he does bad things, he has a far greater chance of staying in power than anyone else."

In December 1984, Gandhi scored a landslide victory that surpassed those of his mother and grandfather.

Soft-spoken and reserved, the former airline pilot helped revive the country's confidence after his mother's murder less than two months earlier. He captivated the people with his vision of India's future — a streamlined economy, modernization and openness to Western technology, less tension with neighbouring countries and easing of the bureaucratic and political corruption that plagued daily life.

But the changes have been slow to materialize. Social differences between classes simmer, and conflicts often flare between the majority Hindus and minority Muslims and Sikhs.

Gandhi's popularity has dropped so dramatically that even his advisers suggest he and the Congress party may only squeak back into power.

In the cities and the countryside, there is dismay at the high-handed style of the Western-educated prime minister, who has dismissed several state governments and brought them, at least temporarily, under federal rule. He is seen as increasingly resorting to his mother's street-fighting political tactics without her finesse and especially her sensitivity to the poor.

The main strength of Gandhi's government is it offers stability, in sharp contrast to the coalition of the four parties struggling to unite under the banner of Janata Dal (People's Party).

"He (Gandhi) acts more like a maharajah (emperor)," said Priya Sinha, an 18-year-old college student from rural Bihar state.

"But we don't have much of a choice. People have to vote for a stable government and outside the Congress, there isn't anyone who can do that," said Sinha, one of an estimated 50 million young people who will be eligible to cast ballots this year since the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.

Among his supporters, the 58-year-old Singh is known as "Rajah" or king, a reference to the title he was to inherit from his father before Indira Gandhi outlawed what she considered the remnants of a feudal era.

Assumed

When Rajiv Gandhi assumed power, Singh was one of the so-called "whiz kids" the prime minister recruited to help guide India's \$80 billion people into the 21st century.

As finance and defence minister, Singh had broad powers to clean up clandestine deals by Indian businesses and launched a series of highly publicized tax raids.

But he went too far in his investigations into lucrative foreign arms deals in which millions of dollars in kickbacks allegedly were paid to some of Gandhi's close associates or landed in Congress party coffers. The allegations by newspapers and opposition politicians have never been proved, and Singh eventually was expelled from the party.

He immediately was embraced by opposition parties as the person who could cure the country's ills, cleanse Indian politics and usher in a new era of hope. But the euphoria has vanished, and his wave of support is slowly receding.

A recent poll in the respected news magazine *India Today* said two-thirds of the 11,000 voters surveyed were convinced an opposition government would not last a full five-year term.

Some analysts say Singh has strong personal ambitions but is short on political will when it comes to making tough decisions. That is reinforced daily by newspaper headlines of the internecine battles between different factions and eventually may tilt the balance in Gandhi's favour.

"V.P. Singh is a loner in a crowd, simply too individualist to carry a team along," said Prabhu Chawla, senior editor of *India Today*.

Chawla also said Singh's "evangelical obsession with morality" could be a hindrance because he actually may appear too righteous.

Fair elections unlikely in Burma

Army clamps down on dissent

THE military leaders in Myanmar (formerly Burma), reverting to the ruthless resolve to crush dissent that kept them in power for 27 years, have ended a brief flirtation with openness in favour of rule by force.

The generals have shared power since they snuffed out civilian democracy in 1962. This week they poured troops in combat gear into the shabby streets of the capital, put the opposition leader under house arrest and cut links to the world.

Western diplomats said the crackdown put in

serious doubt chances for fair elections promised for May next year.

They said it appeared to confirm fears in the economically-devastated country of 40 million people that the military would never willingly hand power to a government they could not fully control.

Public reaction to the most provocative of the military's acts — the house arrest on Thursday of popular opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi — was not clear because telephone and telex lines to the country were cut.

But the move was expected to enrage her supporters. She had articulated a popular urge for an end to repression and for a say in how the country is governed — an urge that brought millions into the streets last summer demanding democracy.

Perhaps more importantly for the superstitious Burmese with their acute sense of history, she is a national symbol.

Many heard in her outspoken and fluent speeches the voice of her father, the national hero Aung San who was assassinated in 1947 a year before independence from Britain.

The crackdown in the past week contrasted with a period of comparative openness under the group of old soldiers who have ruled since General Ne Win took power in the 1962 coup, launching a blend of socialism, Buddhism and militarism.

Diplomats said thousands of demonstrators were killed in the upheavals of 1988 when soldiers fired on street rallies. The Army took over the entire administration on September 18 and scrapped the old one-party system.

General Saw Maung, the fourth leader in two months, promised elections, allowed limited political activity by a plethora of new parties and invited foreign reporters to visit the country openly for the first time in decades.

At the beginning of July, as Aung San Suu Kyi was drawing ever larger crowds with a series of rallies in Rangoon in defiance of martial law, the general responded with conciliation mixed with

threat.

He pledged use of the media and permission to stage outdoor rallies in the run-up to the promised poll.

But he demanded that Aung San Suu Kyi stop urging her followers to disobey martial law rules and accused her national league for democracy (NLD) of confrontation.

"Will they not think what would happen in the country by opposing us. Will they not think that many people will die?" he said.

Aung San Suu Kyi, 44, whose party most represented the spirit of last summer's mass protests and the people who took part in them, was sceptical from the start, accusing the Army of harassing her at every turn.

In her last press interview before Thursday's crackdown, she told a Reuters reporter the aim of the NLD was to force the government to respect the rule of law.

"We ask for basic human rights, democratic freedom. Alright, we accept that until there is a democratic privileges, but we do think there should be a rule of law and there isn't."

She mentioned the rounding up of civilians on the street for use as porters with the Army fighting against guerrillas in the malaria and mine-ridden border areas.

She spoke of the arrest of three senior NLD figures in the past two weeks, including the Secretary for information who was detained in the street and taken away lying on the floor of a pick-up truck with a sack over his head. No word has been heard from him.

The official media, used as the mouthpiece of the ruling state law and order restoration council, has degenerated Aung San Suu Kyi as degenerate and anti-Buddhist as well as linking the NLD with bomb attacks and communist insurgency.

"Everything points to injustice. It's like a stuck gramophone record — everything they do plays back to the one word injustice," the opposition leader said.

Musical chairs in Maggie's cabinet

RESHUFFLE fever is sweeping Britain's corridors of power.

Its symptoms are nervous tension among members of the ruling Conservative party and a persistent rash of speculative newspaper stories.

The only person with a cure for the disease, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, isn't saying when she will dish out the medicine to bring what has become an annual outbreak under control.

Temperatures have soared among Conservative politicians since Thatcher indicated in an interview two months ago that she was planning major surgery in her next cabinet reshuffle — which many believe is now only days away.

Senior conservatives do not expect her to move the three most important ministers, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, and Home Secretary Douglas Hurd.

But others whose departments have been dogged by problems in the past year have been under intense scrutiny, with many Conservative members of Parliament demanding the removal of Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley.

The chain-smoking Ridley has been a Thatcher favourite and she publicly defended him earlier this year against critics who attacked his handling of controversial plans to privatise the water supply industry.

But he is widely seen in the party as the worst person to promote the government's "Green" policies and his patrician manner is regarded as an electoral liability.

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Others tipped for the sack by media analysts and MPs are Transport Secretary Paul Channon, Social Services Secretary John Moore and John Wakeham, leader of the House of Commons.

Since coming to power a decade ago, Thatcher has played musical chairs round the cabinet table every year. Now only two of her original 22-strong ministerial team still attend the weekly meetings at 10 Downing Street — Howe and Peter Walker, Secretary for Wales.

Until 1988, the cabinet reshuffle occurred every September, while Parliament was in recess and just before the party conferences that signal the start of a new political year.

Last year Thatcher acted in late July, taking the political pundits by surprise and depriving the popular press of its favourite summer game of guessing who will be in or out.

Asked on Sunday if she planned a reshuffle this week, the prime minister said: "Don't expect it to come too soon."

Government officials have said they expect the changes to be made before parliament rises for a three-month break at the end of next week and heavy political betting sets Monday as the most likely day.

Thatcher has faced increasing pressure in recent weeks to sharpen the cabinet's public image after the government's rebuff in the June European Parliament elections, its slide in opinion polls and a spate of public transport strikes.

Adding to the onus on the Prime Minister, now in her third term, is the probability that her new line-up will essentially form the government team to fight the next general election, due by mid-1992.

Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young has signalled he is about to leave the government to return to private business.

Senior colleagues expect Education Secretary Kenneth Baker and Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King to be given different portfolios when the new line-up is announced.

Conservative Party Chairman Peter Brooke can expect to get a ministry and hottest tip for a promotion within the cabinet is John Major, presently Chancellor Lawson's number two as Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Westminster's best bets to get their first cabinet seats are Overseas Development Minister Christopher Patten and Channon's deputy, Michael Portillo.

(Reuters — London.)

Quote me

"Socialism does not fit in Japan. Please help us defend freedom in this country." — Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno declared in a final election campaign speech.

"We are not prepared to compromise with violence and terrorism." — F.W. de Klerk, South African politician said during a Wine Country visit.

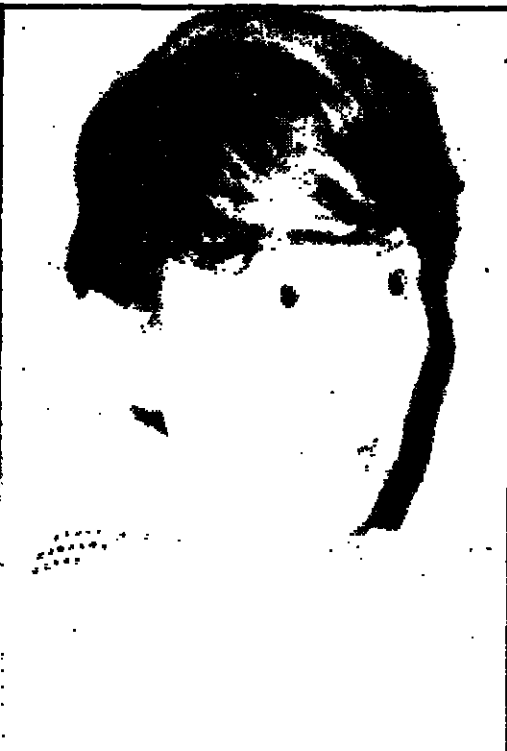
"You know what makes this country great? You don't have to be witty or clever, as long as you can hire someone who is." — Ted Baxter from the American TV series, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

"If women dressed for men, the stores wouldn't sell much. Just an occasional survivor." — Groucho Marx, on American TV show, "You Bet Your Life."

"A cardinal rule of politics: Never get caught in bed with a live man or a dead woman." — J.R. Ewing in "Dallas."

"If you have any suggestions, holler." — One of the three crew members aboard the ill-fated United Airlines Flight 232 talking by radio to United maintenance headquarters shortly before the jet crashed.

"Now is the time we can change politics, and the energy is beginning to move. Tomorrow is your big chance to make clear your disgust." — Takako Doi, chairwoman of the Japan Socialist Party said during a campaign rally.



Aung San Suu Kyi: a national symbol

July 23, 1989

Khaddafi, Habre fail to reach accord

BAMAKO, Mali, July 22. (Agencies): Longtime enemies Muammar Khaddafi of Libya and Chad President Hissene Habre broke off talks last night without reaching an agreement to end their border dispute.

The presidents of four African nations who had been mediating talks between the two antagonists left without comment.

Neither Khaddafi nor Habre offered comment to reporters who had been waiting in a room decorated with banners honouring the expected "Bamako declaration."

"Africa has the political maturity and morale resources necessary to overcome all its problems," said one banner above a conference table with placards bearing the names of each president.

Tiona Mathieu Kone, spokesman for Mali President Moussa Traore, said, "the talks weren't a failure."

Khaddafi and Habre "had been talking four hours" in their first direct meeting in more than seven years, he said.

Officials from two of the delegations had earlier told reporters an agreement was assured, but late yesterday evening, when the talks continued beyond schedule, it became clear that obstacles had arisen.

The sources said Habre had raised objections to several points during the discussions, held at Bamako's Amite (friendship) hotel.

Earlier, an aide to one of the African leaders, speaking on condition of anonymity, had said a proposed pact called for sending the dispute over the Aouzou border region to the International Court of Justice.

Also among those in Bamako were presidents Omar Bongo of Gabon and Chadi Benjedid of Algeria.

The official Algerian news agency APS reported earlier that the five leaders were examining a proposed joint declaration based on an Algerian peace plan.

The talks took place under the auspices of an Organisation of African Unity committee that has the goal of "completing the reconciliation between the brother peoples of Chad and Libya," according to Mali Radio.

Chad's ambassador to France today blamed Khaddafi for the failure of a summit meeting to solve a protracted border dispute between the two countries.

"The primary responsibility falls on Khaddafi, who instead of discussing the real problems, raised false problems," Ahmad Allam-Mi said in an interview with Radio France Infos.

Moscow's ties with Israel

KUWAIT, July 22. (Reuters): A senior Soviet envoy was quoted today as saying that Moscow would renew diplomatic relations with Israel and was ready for links with Saudi Arabia.

"A time will come when normal relations are restored (with Israel)," Kuwait's Al Anba newspaper quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Guennadi Tarassov as saying in an interview in Tunis.

"In principle the lack of diplomatic relations between countries in modern times is considered unnatural."

But he added Moscow would only consider renewing ties with Israel after an international Middle East peace conference.

He was also quoted as saying that Moscow was prepared to open an embassy in Riyadh as soon as the Saudis were ready.

"We understand that the presence or lack of embassies is an issue related to the policies of the two parties, but Moscow sees nothing that would prevent restoring relations," he said.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1938. Led by the Soviet Union, all eastern bloc nations, except Romania, severed ties with Israel during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Velayati says ties with Arabs are better

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 22. (AP): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today Tehran's relations with Arab states were "better" despite a strain in ties with Saudi Arabia.

"We believe that the status of our relations with Saudi Arabia does not reflect on our relations with other Arab countries," Velayati told Beirut's leftist daily As Safir.

Relations between Iran and most Arab nations

were strained during Iran's eight-year war with Iraq. Velayati said relations with Saudi Arabia depend on Saudi willingness to allow a bigger quota of Iranian pilgrims to visit the holy Muslim shrines in Makkah.

Iran insists on being allowed to send 100,000 pilgrims. But Saudi Arabia has limited the Iranian quota to 45,000, under a formula of one pilgrim per thousand population for Muslim states because of

overcrowding at the holy places.

Iran has boycotted the pilgrimage for two years because of the dispute over the quota and Iran and Saudi Arabia have severed diplomatic ties.

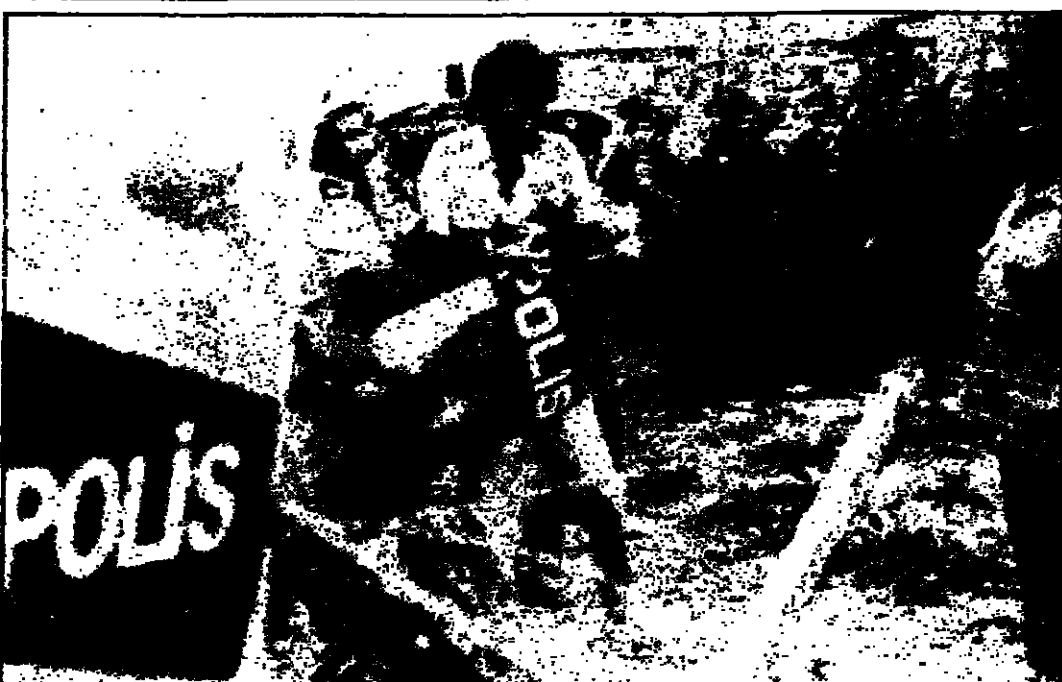
On Lebanon, Velayati said Iran was "helping the confrontation forces (leftists and Muslims) and Syria which are trying to fight the enemies of Arabs and Islam."

"That is why we are there ... to help the Lebanese

people and Syria confront the Israeli forces," he added without elaboration.

He was referring to the estimated 2,000 Iranian revolutionary guards who arrived in Lebanon in the wake of the Israeli invasion in 1982.

The Iranian fighters, deployed in the Syrian-policed eastern Bekaa Valley, support Hezbollah, and other fundamentalist Shiite Muslim Lebanese factions.



Photographer detained

Turkish-Cypriot security forces arrested a Greek-Cypriot photographer covering a protest on Wednesday by Greek-Cypriot women. Hundreds of women pushed past UN peacekeepers into the

buffer zone dividing Nicosia in protest against the 15-year-old Turkish occupation of the northern part of the island. (Reuters wirephoto)

Protests may hamper talks: Denktash

NICOSIA, July 22. (Agencies): Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said today that Greek-Cypriot demonstrations across the buffer zone dividing Cyprus put a question mark over reunification talks.

Certainly, it has shown to us that the Greek-Cypriot people are not ready for the partnership with Turkish Cypriots," Denktash told Reuters in an interview.

He said a Turkish-Cypriot court was expected to give its verdict today or Monday on 108 Greek Cypriots detained after storming across the buffer zone last Wednesday.

The demonstrations occurred on the 15th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus which followed a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the military Junta then ruling Greece.

A UN spokesman in Nicosia said the United Nations had received no word that the July 26 talks between Denktash and Vassiliou on reunifying Cyprus might be postponed or cancelled.

Vassiliou has said the Greek-Cypriot protesters were effectively kidnapped on a peaceful march in the buffer

zone. Denktash said a number of Turkish-Cypriot delegations visited him yesterday to urge him to stop the UN-sponsored talks with the Greek Cypriots being held under UN auspices since last September.

Denktash said he hoped the results of the Nicosia trial "will be a warning to the rest of the Greek Cypriots that if they want to demonstrate, they must demonstrate on their own area."

British paratroopers blocked a march yesterday to the residence of the UN special representative to demand the release of 108 Greek Cypriots, mostly women, detained by Turkish Cypriots on the anniversary of a Turkish invasion.

Crowds demanding stiff penalties demonstrated today outside a Turkish-Cypriot court which convicted 10 Greek Cypriots of illegal entry during a green line protest.

Judge Gonul Eronen delayed sentencing, saying she could not proceed because of the noise made outside the court by about 400 Turkish Cypriots chanting "we want the priests ... we want the murderers punished."

Plans to cut birth rate

Egypt arrests militants

CAIRO, July 22. (Agencies): Egypt's President Mubarak today unveiled a strategy to overcome the perils of a high birth rate threatening the world's most populous Arab state.

He set out a five-point blueprint for success — protection of social stability, higher food production, desert reclamation, education reform and economic liberalisation.

Addressing party supporters on the eve of the 37th anniversary of the 1975 revolution that overthrew the monarchy and ended British occupation of the country two years later, Mubarak focused on the evils of overpopulation.

"A police sergeant asked me once for a flat to house his family," he told members of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP). "I asked him how many children he had. He said 13. I asked him if he wanted me to provide a whole block of flats."

Overpopulation was the single biggest obstacle to economic development, Mubarak said.

"Everything we do (in development) is eaten up by population growth."

Egypt's population of nearly 60 million is expanding at the rate of about one million every seven or eight months, and economists say the country is running out of cash.

"How shall I get the money to feed them, clothe them or find houses for them? It's difficult, almost impossible," Mubarak added.

The annual NDP conference, which ended today, was focused on unemployment. Officials say there are 1.1 million jobless in Egypt but some unofficial estimates put the figure at between three and four million.

In a move apparently aimed at winning approval from the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

for its economic policies, Egypt today raised a special customs rate for the dollar to market levels.

Egypt seeks an accord with the IMF that would help it reschedule part of its \$50 billion foreign debt and win new credits from Western banks.

The United States is withholding two years' instalments in cash transfers to Egypt, amounting to \$230 million and analysts say the change in the customs rate is one measure demanded by Washington in return for the release of the cash.

While Egypt has gone along with creditors' demands for cutting the budget deficit, Mubarak has resisted cutting huge food and energy subsidies for fear of sparking violent unrest.

Maintaining social stability while nudging the country towards a free market economy has been one of Mubarak's aims throughout his eight-year rule.

Real effort was being made, Mubarak said, to expand arable land beyond the confines of the fertile Nile valley.

Last February Egypt along with Iraq, Jordan and Arab Republic of Yemen established the Arab Co-operation Council.

On education, he said there was a need to shift from university education to technical training.

The IMF won rare praise from Mubarak yesterday when he said it was one of the financial institutions helping Egypt out of its difficulties.

The 37th anniversary coincides with major developments in the Arab and international arena such as the return of Egypt to the Arab rank after last May Casablanca Arab summit conference, and the restoration of the diplomatic ties between Egypt and the Arab states.

Egypt lately recognised the Palestinian state which was proclaimed by the Palestinian National Council in Algeria in November 1988.

Egypt this year also restored Tabá. The long-disputed border area with Israel following the international arbitration court's decision.

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and 59 were injured in violence, it blamed on "trouble makers."

In Washington, the State Department said it was concerned about what it termed "credible reports" of executions in Somalia.

"We are directing our embassy in Mogadishu to raise our concern with the Somali government and ask it to act to ensure that civil liberties and human rights are fully protected," spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Somali rebels said today they had killed 205 government soldiers and defeated an attempt to recapture the northern town of Erigavo.

Spell out peace stance: Mubarak

W.Bank schools reopen

CAIRO, July 22. (Agencies): President Mubarak today asked Israel to spell out publicly and clearly its plan for Middle East peace talks to explain its "real, official position that counts."

He told a political rally that recent political developments in the Jewish state have obstructed Arab-Israeli peace efforts.

Mubarak did not cite the developments he had in mind. But he obviously referred to headline conditions that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir attached to his peace plan this month to appease the radical wing of his Likud bloc.

Later, to reporters, the President accused the principal proponent of the new conditions, Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, of issuing a terrorist threat with his call for Israel to kill Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO.

"How can the Israeli government call on Palestinian officials to refrain from terrorist operations, and then, when the PLO renounces terrorism, a member of the Israeli government issues threats?" Mubarak asked.

"It's really regrettable. Is this a civilised method in a civilised, democratic country?"

As unveiled in May, Shamir's peace plan proposed Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza to choose representatives for negotiating with Israel on interim autonomy in the territories as a prelude to talks on a final settlement.

About 1.7 million Palestinians live in the two areas seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

Shamir added restrictive terms to his plan at a Likud meeting on July 1, bowing to demands of Sharon and others. Among them are exclusion from the balloting of Palestinians living in Israel-annexed East Jerusalem, continued construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza and no elections before the Palestinians in the territories end their uprising.

Shamir's spokesmen responded to international and domestic criticism of the conditions by saying the formulation was a Likud Party exercise and did not change the original plan approved by the cabinet.

Meanwhile, Israelis and Palestinians co-operated warily today to reopen 1,000 Arab schools in the occupied West Bank that had been closed for more than a year.

Israel hoped the peaceful return to studies by 200,000 primary and 12th grade Arab students pointed to an easing in the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

"It has been very quiet and we are very optimistic," Lieutenant Olivier Rafowicz, spokesman for Israel's civil administration in the West Bank, told Reuters.

But Palestinian educator Khalil Mahshi said that while Palestinians of all factions wanted schools to be oases of calm for learning, demonstrations would not necessarily ease.

"Usually students if they want to participate in demonstrations ... leave school premises by themselves," Mahshi told Israel Radio.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's decision to reopen the schools followed international pressure, especially from the United States.

The Palestinians gave no formal promise to keep the schools out of the uprising. But a slogan scrawled across a school wall in the West Bank town of Ramallah said: "We have to maintain studies."

Israel was accused of collectively punishing school children and using them as pawns in its efforts to crush the uprising. Schools in the occupied Gaza Strip were never closed although it has been the scene of at least as much violence.

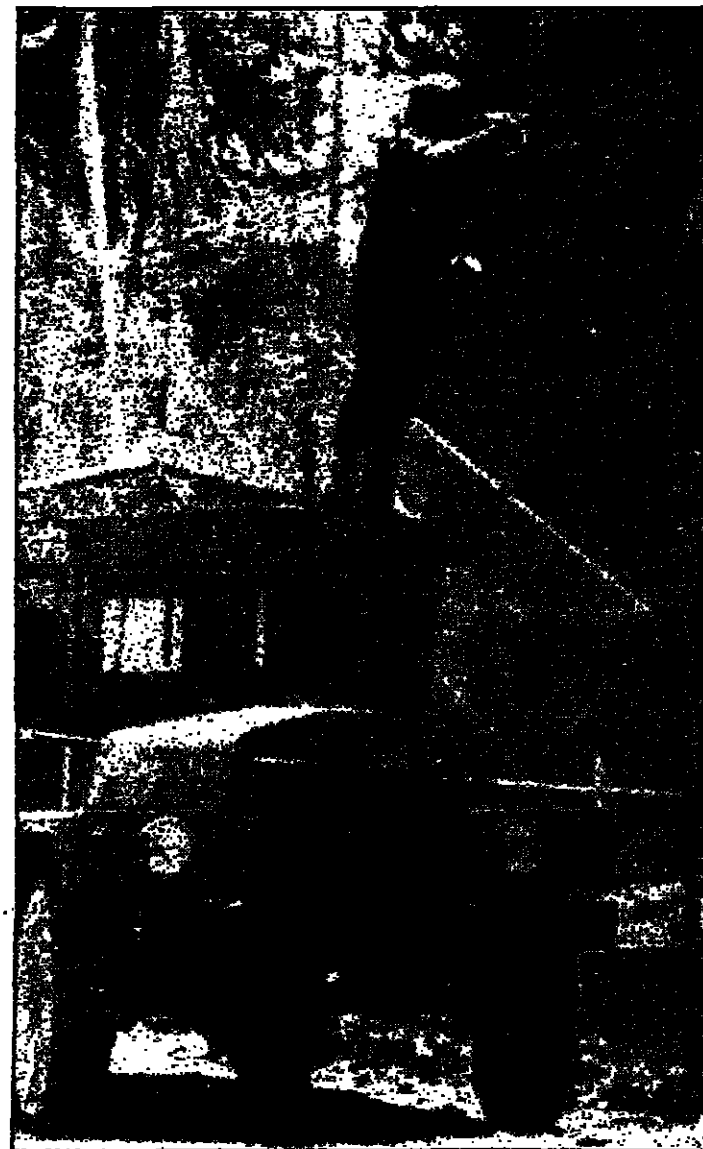
Yasser Arafat said in an interview broadcast yesterday that he was disappointed with the results of talks between his PLO and the US government.

"Though talks with Washington got off to a good start, the Israeli position has remained very rigid," he said in the interview with Italian state-run television.

A Soviet minister today described the Israeli government's elections plan as "a diabolic machination" out of touch with reality.

Deputy Foreign Minister Guennadi Tarassov told the official Tunisian news agency Tap at Tunis airport that the plan could not be put into effect because it ignored the role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The US State Department said yesterday a Senate amendment restricting on contacts with the PLO would not end the US dialogue with the group.



An Israeli soldier fires his rifle into the Dehaisha refugee camp, as he stands atop an Army truck. The high fence and barbed wire is placed at the road's edge to prevent rocks being thrown at passing traffic. (Reuters wirephoto)



An Israeli soldier lifts up strands of barbed wire as he tries to free a Palestinian school girl who is trapped inside the wire which separates the refugee camp from the main road. The girl was attempting to leave the camp through the wire, and had to crawl back to the camp side to escape. An armed soldier stands to right. (Reuters wirephoto)

Attacks planned on Israel-linked Danes

COPENHAGEN, July 22. (Reuters): The Danish authorities are aware of plans involving people living in Denmark for attacks on certain Danes with Israeli connections. Prime Minister Poul Schluter said yesterday.

His guarded remarks to reporters after a meeting of the Parliamentary Foreign Policy Committee lifted just a little of the secrecy surrounding the case of Ulla Lyngby, a 25-year-old Dane expelled by Israel last week on suspicion of trying to help the Palestinian uprising.

An emergency meeting of the committee was briefed by Schluter on a security police (PET) report on the case, which threatened to damage Israeli-Danish relations. The discussions at such meetings are confidential.

Schluter referred to a group which had "been involved in planning attacks against Danish citizens connected with Israel."

He said those known to be involved would be allowed for the moment to stay in Denmark, an indication that they are foreigners. He named neither them nor the potential victims and gave no idea of any action Denmark might take.

West European diplomats said there were several thousand Palestinians living in Denmark. They include members of most groups active in the Middle East.

They said the Danish security police have stepped up their surveillance of such groups and tightened their co-ordination with other countries' police forces.

Iran's drug law

NICOSIA, July 22. (Reuters): Iran's drug users took their last fix today before addiction becomes an offence punished by internment in labour camps.

Officials vowed to arrest 55,000 drug addicts in an initial crackdown starting tomorrow under a tough anti-narcotics law enacted in January. The law had granted a six-month grace period.

The Islamic Revolutionary Committee (IRC) said agents would set up checkpoints in many towns and cities to round up addicts.

Lebanese shot

PARIS, July 22. (Reuters): A Lebanese man has been shot dead outside a plush Paris hotel, police said.

Antoine Makdissi, 50, from the Lebanese town of Beirut, was shot several times after leaving the Hotel Queen Elizabeth shortly before midnight yesterday, a police spokeswoman added.

He was believed to be a frequent customer at the hotel.

Police said no motive for the killing was immediately apparent and no arrests have been made.

Eritrean conflict

WASHINGTON, July 22. (AP): Former president Jimmy Carter will travel to Ethiopia next week to serve as a mediator between the government and Eritrean rebels, a US diplomat said yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen said Carter had been accepted by both the Eritrean government of Haile Mengistu and by the Eritrean rebels who have been waging war against the government in one of the world's longest civil wars.

Cohen said a dialogue would make it easier for the United States to improve relations with Mengistu's government.

Iranian diplomat

VIENNA, July 22. (KUNA): An Iranian diplomat who was wounded when Iranian-Kurdish leader Abdul Rahman Qassemilou was assassinated with two of his aides left in hospital yesterday, the Austrian television said in its evening broadcast.

The Austrian authorities had allowed the Iranian diplomat, Mohamed Jafari Sahordi, to leave Austria but no date was disclosed about his departure except that he was heading for Tehran.

Sahordi flew to Austria to co-ordinate a clandestine meeting with Qassemilou when he was killed with three other Kurds in his apartment July 13.

A diplomatic crisis had risen two days ago between Austria and Iran after the Austrian authorities issued a decision demanding the arrest of two Iranian diplomats who took part in the secret meeting with Qassemilou and his colleagues.

Case upheld

WASHINGTON, July 22. (AP): A federal appeals court yesterday upheld a preliminary injunction that bars the government from excluding a Palestinian man from the United States under a highly restrictive provision of immigration law.

Ruling in the case of Fouad Raffede of Cleveland, the appeals court said the US District Court Judge Joyce Green must decide whether immigration procedures the US government is using against Raffede violate his right to due process under the constitution.

In its 2-1 ruling, the appeals panel said immigration officials may proceed against Raffede under another provision of federal law which allows him to be represented by legal counsel, to present evidence and challenge witnesses in an open administrative hearing.

Accords signed

RABAT, July 22. (KUNA): Morocco and Niger Thursday signed here an accord on information co-operation in the fields of radio-television, journalism training, movie production, news agencies, exchange of newspapers, magazines, photos and journalist visits.

The accord was signed by Moroccan Minister of the Interior and Information Driss Bassi and Niger Minister of Information Hama Amadou.

Following the signing ceremony Amadou said he had had with Moroccan officials fruitful and constructive talks likely to open new prospects of co-operation between the two countries.

Rushdie's novel

BUENOS AIRES, July 22. (Reuters): Argentine Shiite Muslims demonstrated last yesterday demanding that President Carlos Menem ban Salman Rushdie's novel The Satanic Verses.

The late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who died in June, had called for the Indian-born British author's death because he considered the book blasphemous against Islam.

"Democracy is fine, freedom of expression is fine, but we must say stop when the beliefs of a billion Muslims are being trampled," said Hojatoleslam Mohsen Rabbani, imam of a Buenos Aires Shiite congregation.

"We ask President Menem to ban distribution of this offensive book," he told about 80 people who chanted "death to Rushdie."

Woman arrested

LARNACA, Cyprus, July 22. (AP): A 42-year-old Lebanese woman was arrested on arrival here with customs agents found 1.5 kilos (3.3 pounds) of heroin in her luggage.

Tereza Labibi Bou Ziaouidi appeared before a local court which ordered her imprisoned for eight days pending the completion of police investigations.

Police put the street value of the heroin at \$150,000.

A prosecutor Costas Kyriacou told the court Ziaouidi revealed that following her arrival by boat from the Christian port of Jounieh north of Beirut she had planned to fly to Rome, Italy, to deliver the heroin to a contact.

Somalia calls reports of executions lies

400 killed, 1,000 hurt in riots: reports

NAIROBI, July 22. (AP): Somalia has rejected claims that its armed forces rounded up thousands of people and summarily executed 46 men in the aftermath of Muslim rioting that reportedly left about 400 dead.

Enemies of the Somali people and their collaborators have been disseminating sensational propaganda, lies about the true situation in Somalia," the Somali embassy in Washington said.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Somalia Democratic Republic wishes to state categorically that the situation in Mogadishu is normal and (in) the country as a whole."

The human rights group Africa Watch and anonymous sources said violence broke out

July 14 in Mogadishu, capital of the East African nation, after the slaying of a Roman Catholic bishop and the arrests of Muslim religious leaders.

The reports put the number killed in the rioting at about 400 and said soldiers had opened fire in residential districts.

More than 1,000 people were injured, Africa Watch said in a statement issued yesterday in Nairobi.

Africa Watch said about 2,000 people were arrested in house-to-house searches. Forty-six were convicted in military courts of participation in the unrest and shot on a beach outside Mogadishu, the report said.

The government has said 23 people died

Palace rejects media attacks on rebels

Higher rice prices: Agriculture secretary Carlos Dominguez said increases in rice prices are inevitable but added traders have given assurances that the increases will be staggered beginning in September.

Dominguez had earlier denied an *Inquirer* headline story that rice prices are sure to go up this year because of the Aquino administration's pledge to the International Monetary Fund to stop subsidizing rice prices.

The warning fell on deaf ears and Monsod later resigned owing to policy differences with the country's economic managers.

Linked to another case: Two suspects in the Jones bridge ambush last month were implicated in another robbery-car theft case in Quezon City. Sgt. Josefine Rasal and Efraim "Boy" Amores, an ex-PC sergeant, were identified by a witness as among the five men who held him up July last year and fled with his Lancer car and P300,000 in cash and jewellery. The victim, Faustino Santos, identified the two in a police line-up conducted at the Manila police headquarters. Rasal, who was earlier tagged in two other robbery incidents aside from the Clavio case, fumed over Faustino's statements while Amores just gave a wide grin without saying anything.

PAF rites set: President Aquino leads guests in ceremonies marking the 42nd anniversary of the Philippine Air Force. Security around the base perimeter has been tightened in preparations for the President's visit at Villamor air base. Today's Air Force Day commemoration is the first time that PAF anniversary will be celebrated on the day the Air Force was formed as a major unit of the country's armed forces.

'Hot' resin seized: Customs agents seized some P20 million worth of PVC resin, a powdered substance used in the manufacture of plastic products, following an on the spot inspection of the goods at the Manila International Container Port (MICEP). Acting customs commissioner Isidro Garcia said the shipment, contained in eight 40-foot vans, was misdeclared as talcum powder by its alleged consignee identified as Orient Two Way International. Garcia ordered the immediate seizure of the goods for gross misdeclaration in violation of the Customs and Tariff Code. In another development, customs and Coast Guard authorities intercepted 230 cartons of imported canned goods at the North Harbour.

Drive against scalawags: Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said substantial victories against criminals and insurgents must be gained "if we have to merit the continued trust, co-operation and confidence of the people." Speaking before the 35th founding anniversary of the Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) at Camp Crame, Ramos said he could not allow misguided elements in the military and the police to continue with their nefarious activities in its fight against insurgency and criminality. He said the message was not only meant for the CHPG but also to other units of the armed forces.

Child kidnapped: A 7-month-old namesake of child star Aiza Seguerra was taken at gunpoint from his father by seven persons, four of them women in Pasay City.

Antonio Catagad, 20, temporarily residing at 97-C Quirino St. Barrio Magaysay, Tondo told officer on case Cpl. Isabela Caneo he and his daughter Aiza were waiting for a ride at 2:10 am on Taft-corner EDSA rotunda when a jeep without plate number stopped near them. One of the seven on board the jeep who was armed with a .38 revolver approached him and hit his face with the gun while the four women grabbed Aiza from him.

Chief endangered: Acting Paranaque police chief Hugo Amorillo is the next target of the killers of his predecessor, Lt. Col. Jose Balbas Jr.

Amorillo said the day after Balbas was killed, his radio operator and another staffer received two anonymous threats to his life.

The first threat was relayed in a telephone call at 6 am last Monday. Two hours later his aide Sgt. Saturn Garson, received a phone-in threat.

"Susunod na si Amorillo," the aide and Garson quoted the callers as saying.

Amorillo said a shabu syndicate or a leftist group are the ones who want him dead.

As this developed, Southern Police District officials directed their station commanders and key personnel handing sensitive positions to form security teams.

3 hijacked are saved: Coast Guard authorities said that the *Ms Isla Luzon* was hijacked and not missing as reported earlier. Three more of its crew members were rescued off Mindoro waters.

Philippine Coast Guard spokesman Lieut. Francisco Mendoza said that rescue teams from the Navy and Coast Guard saw the crew in a life raft floating in the vicinity of Calavite Point off Mindoro.

Mendoza said the rescued crew members told them they were released by the hijackers and left in the sea for almost two days.

The identities of those rescued were not immediately available, Mendoza said.

He said 25 of the 26 crew members were already rescued except for one who they believed is still being held hostage.

Ms Isla Luzon, a 2948-ton cargo vessel was reported missing last Monday, with 30 crew members aboard.

The vessel was carrying steel products from Iligan to Cebu.

National Marine Corp., a ship owner, said they lost contact with their vessel hours after it left Iligan.

Beef shortage: In Musuan, Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez has warned that the country's cattle industry may collapse unless the private and government sector joined hands to save it from stagnation.

"We will be facing acute shortage of beef in the next five years due to the continuous decline of animal population in the last few years," Dominguez said during the seventh annual convention of the Mindanao Society of Animal Science at the Central Mindanao University here.

3 found dead: Two men and a woman were found dead in two rivers in Bulacan.

The woman was found floating in Angat River. Police described her to be between 25 to 35 years old, curly haired and wearing red T-shirt and pants.

Police said the woman died from strangulation. A nylon cord was looped around her neck and its end was tied to an abode stone.

The two dead men were found under the bridge of Alar River in Barangay Tungkong-Manga, San Jose del Monte.

They were both naked and their hands and feet were tied together. Their faces were covered with plastic. Both were believed to be between 30 to 35 years old, police said.

Capt. Angelito Pacia, commander of the 175th PC company, said the two unidentified men had several stab wounds in their bodies.

Revenue collection increased: The Bureau of Customs regional district office in Batangas reported that its revenue collection this month has increased by some P9.1 million as compared to last year's performance.

Batangas customs district collector Marcial Lopez attributed the rise in collection to efficient operation of the Customs Industry Co-ordinating Council (CICC) he created recently.

As of June 26, the Customs Batangas district office collected some P233,646,550.92 from different parts in the Southern Tagalog region.

The figure represented a 38.71 per cent increase compared to their recorded collection for the same period last year.

Lopez said the primary role of the council is to promote harmonious relationship with importers and shipping companies and faster processing of import documents.

Death puzzles police: The death of a 28-year-old nun in Quezon City continued to puzzle homicide probes as no explanation could be given on the abrasions in the body of the alleged suicide.

Maj. Pepito Campos, QC police chief on investigators, said that a two-page suicide note found near the body of Laureana de Guzman was submitted for handwriting examination to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

De Guzman was found dead in her quarters at 11 16th St. New Manila, last June 27. The victim, a nun teaching at the St. Joseph's College, bore a stab wound in the chest.

Lieut. Fluto Casayuran, chief homicide investigator, confirmed that De Guzman's family had expressed suspicion that she did not commit suicide.

Casayuran said, however, that pieces of evidence gathered by his men point to a suicide case.

It was gathered that De Guzman's father, Francisco, aired the suspicion that his daughter was murdered when an autopsy report released by the PC crime laboratory indicated that the body had abrasions.

MALACANANG rejected a military call for a stepped-up propaganda campaign against communist rebels, saying it could harm ties with socialist countries and endanger lives, Reuters reported last week.

In insurgency-related developments:

● Suspected communist rebels burned three cabs of the strike-bound Golden Taxi two days after the burial of two of the firm's labour unionists.

● The chief security aide of Las Pinas Mayor Rosalino Riguerra and a barangay councilman were killed by four armed men believed to be "Sparrows," the hit men of the New People's Army. But sources said the killers could be members of a

drug ring in the town.

● A PC lieutenant and three suspected New People's Army members were slain in an encounter Wednesday night in Arayat, Pampanga.

The call for an intensified propaganda campaign against the rebels was made by Gen. Renato S. de Villa, Armed Forces chief of staff, who viewed

"with deep concern the strengthened communist propaganda activities" which he described as well orchestrated.

He decried public "ignorance" of the communist threat and urged all government offices to take part in a massive anti-rebel public information campaign using radio and television to expose the "nature of the com-

munist insurgency... (and) the insurgents' propensity for deceit."



De Villa

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The people "must be well-fed with information that ... will redirect their sympathy to the democratic cause," he said.

Malacanang's rejection of De Villa's bid was contained in a memorandum signed by Cabinet Secretary Jose de Jesus, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters.

It was not clear if President Aquino was involved in the decision. The memorandum warned an information campaign "which raises the communist scare could jeopardize Philippine relations with the Eastern socialist bloc" and "put at risk" officials taking part in the campaign.

The three Golden Taxi cabs were burned in separate places in Metro Manila. The first on

Acacia Lane in Mandaluyong at about 9:30 am; the second in Barrio St. Nino, Paranaque at around the same time and the third in Quezon City about 10:30 am.

Police investigators said a written statement from the Alex Boncayao Brigade, the hit squad of the NPA in Metro Manila, was left in the wreckage of the taxi in Mandaluyong. The statement allegedly condemned the anti-labor policy of the Golden Taxi management.

Police could not say for sure if the burning of the Golden Taxi cab in Paranaque was also the handiwork of the rebels. But they said subversive documents were also found in the partially burned cab in Quezon City.

Meanwhile, the Church-based Task Force Detainees demanded an investigation of the killing of Danilo Acuna and Galileo Dinoy, both leaders of the Golden Taxi employees union, allegedly by company-hired goons and policemen.

The victims in the Paranaque killings were were T/Sgt. Nicanor de la Cruz, 45, of 725 San Francisco st. Ilaya, Barangay Pulang Lupa, Las Pinas and Councilman Romeo Cristobal, 38, of Julio Compound, Naga Road, also of Barangay Pulang Lupa, Las Pinas.

In Pampanga, government forces killed three more suspected rebels in an encounter Wednesday night in Arayat Pampanga.

No danger of hepatitis

THERE is no hepatitis-B epidemic in the country, according to Health Secretary Alfredo Bengzon.

Bengzon said public fears that the incidence of the deadly disease is widespread could have been caused by advertising campaigns launched by three pharmaceutical companies to promote different brands of vaccines for immunization against hepatitis-B.

Interviewed over the Philippine Broadcasting Service's *Radio ng Bayan*, Bengzon said the

incidence of the disease has not yet reached epidemic proportions.

Hepatitis-B, a liver ailment, is almost always fatal.

But unlike hepatitis-A which is more easily transmitted through contact with afflicted persons or ingesting unhygienic food and substances, hepatitis-B is normally transmitted through blood transfusion.

Bengzon said about 40 per cent of the Filipinos have developed immunity to hepatitis-B.

He said the Department of Health has started a campaign to educate the public about the disease as well as other programmes of the government, such as the implementation of the Genesic Act and the prevention of Acquired immune-deficiency syndrome or AIDS.

In the same interview, Bengzon also urged the public to be more careful when buying medicines because a number of the more popular drugs have been known to be faked.

He advised people to consult doctors before taking medicines since they are in a better position to know the difference between genuine and fake drugs.

Bengzon also disclosed that he has been visiting different regions of the country to assess their health problems.

He said he has been trying to verify reports that there is a shortage of doctors in the countryside and determine what can be done to remedy the situation.



Santiago: sack Llanes

AGRARIAN Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago asked Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez to replace the head of the team assigned to investigate seven anomalous land transactions in connection with the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme.

Santiago called up Vasquez and asked him to replace Gualberto Llanes, who was quoted as claiming he was snubbed by Santiago when he went to see her at the DAR.

Santiago, her voice rising to almost a yell, said Llanes made "unnecessary provocations" when he complained about being snubbed by Santiago.

The DAR secretary said Llanes had no previous appointment with her when he went to the DAR office.

"I did not even know he was in the office," said Santiago. "He came here expecting that all my appointments would be cancelled in his favour."

Santiago added she also asked the ombudsman to wait until a DAR team had finished its inquiry into more anomalous "voluntary offer to sell" (VOS) deals before getting documents related to the transactions.

She said that before she releases documents for examination by the ombudsman, investigators should agree to these conditions:

■ Examination of documents should be made within DAR premises; and

■ Any reproduction of documents should be made in the presence of DAR custodians to prevent tampering.

Santiago said administrative charges against non-presidential appointees linked to the Garচিতorena scam will be tried by a three-man board, while she will personally try the charges against Undersecretaries Salvador Pejo and Jose Medina Jr.

The two undersecretaries have remained quiet on their reported involvement in the Garচিতorena scam and have dodged reporters.

In Roxas City, the Federation of Free Farmers said yesterday three of its members who are legitimate awardees of certificate of land transfer have been evicted by armed men from their CARP lands in Barangay Tanque.

Pio C. Bases, Western Visayas FFF chairman, reported that 13 heavily armed men led by relatives of a man claiming ownership over the lands bulldozed the ricefields belonging to the three agrarian reform beneficiaries.

The 13 men, with Uzis, Armalites and grenades, entered the landholdings of Tanque FFF chapter president Primo Arceles, Loreto Adigan and Salvacion Arcangelos and

bulldozed their ricefields.

Arcangelos, who has 14 children, suffered a heart attack during the incident where the victims' rice-fields were covered with stand with the use of a bulldozer, rendering it unproductive for the next five years, the FFF complained.

The FFF blamed the DAR office here for its failure to extend timely protection to the CARP farmers.

Bases said DAR regional director Antonio Maraya and his subordinates in Capiz had been informed by FFF since last year about the purchase of the ricefields in Tanque by the family of one Faustino Dalivas and the plan to convert the area into a subdivision and fishpond.

The FFF also blamed Ramon Benjamin, agrarian reform programme officer for Capiz and Eleuterio Tolentino, agrarian reform officer for Roxas City, for refusing to give immediate assistance to the beleaguered farmers when the bulldozing started.

Bases said he was able to get a restraining order against Dalivas from the DAR adjudication board in Iloilo City and implement in with the help of the PC provincial command in Roxas City.

23 soldiers acquitted in Lupao massacre

Four others under arrest

A Military court acquitted 23 soldiers of slaying 17 civilians in a massacre in Nueva Ecija three years ago but ordered the arrest of four others in the highly publicized human rights case.

The six-member court martial ruled there was insufficient evidence to convict the members of the Army's 14th Battalion of killing the civilians in Lupao town on Feb 10, 1987.

"I am very happy because that means I can go back to the field," said Sgt. Nestor Garcia, one of the defendants. A survivor, Ricardo Carate, had testified he saw Garcia stab his father to death during the massacre.

Three of the defendants also were acquitted of charges they stole P10,000 from the survivors. The court ordered a lieutenant, a sergeant and two privates arrested after defendants claimed they carried out the killing in the village.

The four others are believed assigned to units in Samar, officials said.

Survivors told officials that troops dragged villagers from their homes and sprayed them with semi-automatic weapon fire after their lieutenant

was shot dead by communist New People's Army guerrillas.

President Aquino visited Lupao soon after the massacre and promised justice to the villagers. Human rights organizations had cited the Lupao massacre as an example of civil liberties abuse under the Aquino administration.

Filipino and international groups also had criticized the military because no one had been punished in the incident. The 23 defendants had been on trial for nearly 17 months. One died in detention.

Arnel de Guzman, secretary general of the Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace, called Thursday's acquittals "preposterous" and said the ruling would "embolden military men to go on indiscriminately shooting unarmed civilians in the name of counter-insurgency war."

DeGuzman said the arrest orders against the four others soldiers were simply a means to prepare for a "whitewash" because witnesses will be reluctant "to again risk their lives by appearing in court."

Nazario resigns after scheme junked

BUDGET Undersecretary Nazario Cabuquit has resigned from his post after Congress junked his proposal to standardize salaries of government employees. His resignation takes effect on July 31.

"You could say that I am quite disappointed with the action of Congress on the proposal we made," Cabuquit said.

Cabuquit said the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) earlier submitted to Congress a bill calling for the rationalization of all positions in government offices.

He said the proposed bill was supposed to "narrow the gap between salaries of the rank and file and executives in the government."

But under the revised bill of Congress, Cabuquit said only salaries of rank and file employees should be adjusted. He said his proposal to standardize the salaries of executives was rejected, thus, totally overhauling the original proposal.

"We are hoping that this proposal would make executives in the government less dependent on all other sources of income. Unfortunately, Congress passed a totally different one which eliminates the entitlement of executives to compensation standardization," Cabuquit said.

Inflation rises on wage hikes

10-12 per cent increase

THE inflation is expected to hit double digit early in the third quarter following pass-on costs tacked to prices of goods and services arising from the recent adjustments in minimum wages.

Inflation had already risen to just under 10 per cent in May, according to the National Statistics Office.

A survey undertaken by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry indicated that the wage adjustments would lead to an increase of between 10 to 12 per cent in the prices of goods and services.

"Based on the flash survey, the private business sector will encounter difficulties in absorbing the higher production costs effected by the wage increase," PCCI vice-president for research Emmanuel Velasco said.

The increased costs will be more pronounced among small enterprises where the wage adjustments mostly apply.

Beyond the averages, hard hit sectors in terms of labour cost increases will be the small enterprises which indicated at least a 24 per cent labour cost hike especially in firms engaged in manufacturing while those into services cited a 21 per cent increment, he added.

In general, the wage hike impact on production indicated a cost-push of about 20.4 per cent for small manufacturing firms to a minimum of 7.5 per cent for firms with 300 to 500 employees and 14.5 per cent for the larger firms employing over 500 workers.

In spite of these developments, the survey revealed that a majority of the respondents would go ahead with their current production plans with several others saying they would increase their capacities. Less than two per cent planned a cutback in production.

However, Velasco said export-oriented companies indicated that their export competitiveness would suffer in relation to production from countries such as China, Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong.

The PCCI survey also found that majority of respondents planned to pursue their present investment plans with only one per cent calling off expansion.

"Overall, the survey indicates that the new wage policy will lead to difficult times for small enterprises. However, it is the consumers who will ultimately be the final losers," Velasco concluded.

Car programme to be amended

By Margie Quimpo

THE Philippine government is set to revise the Car Development Programme (CDP) to allow limited participation of a European luxury car manufacturer.

Provisions of the CDP under Executive Order 248 are to be amended by President Aquino to authorize Daimler Benz AG of Germany to participate in the programme.

It is widely believed that the Aquino government decided to ease restrictions on the car programme to further strengthen business ties with Germany.

West Germany has been one of the most vocal supporters of the Aquino administration in Europe. Since 1986, German leaders have significantly increased amounts of official development assistance to Manila.

In fact, Aquino's shatterproof limousine was donated by the German government. The car — a Mercedes Benz 500.

Sources said the entry of Daimler Benz whose local franchise is held by Commercial Motors Corp might be announced to time with Aquino visit to Bonn.

The Board of Investments which oversees the implementation of the vehicle programmes has reportedly recommended inclusion of Daimler Benz in the CDP.

Memorandum Order 136 which implements EO248 allows only three participants in the CDP.

The entry of Daimler Benz which is expected to generate revenues of about P900 million during its first five years of operations was reported to have been discussed by German diplomats in Manila with President Aquino.

The West German carmaker has been trying to revive its operations in the country during the past two years.

Senior officials in Bonn had reportedly told Philippine officials of their desire to have Daimler Benz included in the car programme.

This has been indicated in diplomatic memoranda to the administration expressing the firm's interest to revive its facilities here.

During the seventies, the firm was an "adjunct" participant of the Progressive Car Manufacturing Programme, now renamed the CDP.

Rice harvest highest ever

But imports continuing

CONTINUING rice imports notwithstanding, the country's paddy harvest this year is the highest ever recorded, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Paddy production for cropyear 1988-89 ending last June grew by six per cent to about 9.2 million metric tons, up from 8.68 million the previous year.

This is a reversal of last year's slump from the 8.95 million metric tons produced in 1987.

Palay output jumped in the wake of much improved prices at farmgate which have encouraged farmers to expand hectareage by as much as 6.4 per cent from 3,279 million hectares in 1987/88 to 3,488 million hectares this cropyear.

Farmgate prices of palay have steadily climbed from P2.78 per kilo in April of cropyear 1985/86 to P2.92 per kilo of the same month in 1986/87 to P3.40 per kilo in 1987/88 and finally to as

high as P4.03 last April.

Declines in yields were attributed to the cold weather in some areas, particularly the Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR), and the limited fertilizer application due to high costs.

The highest growth rate was recorded by Eastern Visayas as output grew by a hefty 31.3 per cent. Its impact, however, was little felt as the region's share of national production is only one to two per cent.

PNB inside-buyers named

By Cynthia D. Balana

SEN Ernesto Maceda said there was a prima facie case against top officials of the Philippine National Bank bought shares of common stock, under questionable terms and in violation of the anti-graft law.

Maceda said that after analyzing the testimony of PNB president Edgardo Espiritu during the informal hearings the other day conducted by the Senate committee on banks, currencies and financial institutions chaired by Sen. Alberto Romulo, "a clear case of graft has been established."

This, he said, will pave the way for the opening of an investigation of the dispersal of 10.8 million shares of PNB stocks.

But, President Aquino has already said she was "convinced there was no anomaly" in the sale of the PNB shares.

She said she welcomed any formal Senate or House investigation of the case.

Ms. Aquino also commended the "outstanding" performance of Espiritu which she said helped restore the people's confidence in the PNB.

During his press conference, Maceda furnished Senate reporters with what he claimed was a complete list of PNB officials who acquired stocks under favourable terms. Most of them, he said, did not even pay in cash as required in the offering.

The list, according to Maceda, was given to him by his informant at the PNB, and contained the names of government officials, including all members of the PNB Board of Directors, except Espiritu, who bought shares.

The eight directors were board chairman Joker Arroyo who bought 2,000

shares; Dominador U. Aganon (three entries), 9,437; Jose G. Araullo, 6,000; Rosendo de la Rama, 6,765; Customs Commissioner Salvador Mison, 3,500; Philippine Airlines President Dante G. Santos, 3,500; and Jose Y. Feliciano, 1,000.

The PNB vice presidents who also acquired shares were Julius L. Campo (two entries), 2,360; Juan C. Gatmaitan (two entries), 2,360; another Juan Gatmaitan, 490; Francisco S. Magasao Jr. (two entries), 484; Manuel C. Mendoza (two entries), 570; Benjamin P. Palma Gil (two entries), 2,350; Federico C. Pascual (three entries), 2,085; Florido P. Casuela (two entries), 2,080; and Victor C. Pineda (two entries), 850.

It was not immediately known whether the two Gatmaitans who appeared on the

Maceda list of PNB stockholders were the same.

Vivian Y. Locsin, president of the Makati Stock Exchange Centre and wife of Daily Globe publisher Teodoro Locsin Jr., bought up to 20,000 shares under two entries, Maceda said.

"The PNB officials allowed themselves to buy shares of stocks more than the ordinary public and in terms more favourable than those given to other applicants," said Maceda. "As such, they were in possession of knowledge not accessible to the ordinary public, thus enabling them to make their purchases at a profit."

Fely C. del Rosario of the PNB public relations division disputed Maceda's allegations on the mode of payment of the stocks, saying all of the directors and officials paid their shares either in cash or manager's check.

From the provinces

QUEZON CITY: A leather factory went up in smoke yesterday in Quezon City.

Arson investigators said the four bodegas of Asiaworld Manufacturing Inc. were totally burned during a two-hour fire.

According to probers, the fire started at the leather bags bodega on Seminary Road near the Quezon City General Hospital.

Factory owner Antonio Garcia told investigators that a loud explosion proceeded the fire.

Nobody was reported injured in the fire which was believed to have caused damage to property estimated at P2.5 million.

QUIAMBABO, Alberto Tan, Alma Uy, Jose Renee Valera, and Annela R. Yu.

There were 24 candidates who took the examinations.

All candidates for certification will be met by members of the board of examiners on July 3 at 5 pm at the Club Filipino to discuss their concern on Oct 21.

ABAYA: expected to report for work Monday.

Col Romeo Odi, constabulary regional chief of staff, confirmed the impending shakeup but he refused to identify those to be affected, saying that details of the reorganization would be formally released next week by Abaya. (Lulu Principe)

MANILA: The Senate committee on women and family relations will get to the bottom of the plight of some 300 Filipino women who are stranded in Lebanon and forced to sell their bodies in order to survive. Sen. Santanina T. Rasul said yesterday.

Senator Rasul, committee chairperson, said responsible officials have been asked to appear before a public hearing on Friday to enlighten the Senate on the extent of the problem.

Invited to testify before the Rasul committee were Labour Secretary Franklin Drilon, Administrator Jose Sarmiento of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Administrator Tomas Achacoso of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Foreign Affairs Undersecretary (for international labor) Israel Boco, Renato Cruz of the Stop Trafficking of Filipinas (STOP), and Patricia Licuanan of the National Commission on Women.

Rasul said there should be a solution to this problem plaguing the Filipino women contract workers who are "innocent victims of manipulators."

OLONGAPO CITY: As an offshoot of an ongoing investigation of a missing P165,000, two policemen here shot it out yesterday, killing one of them.

Killed was Pat. Jerry Misalucha. He suffered 13 bullet wounds.

The suspect was identified as Cpl. Danny Obenia.

An investigation conducted by Olongapo police chief Lt. Col. Nicanor Daus showed that Obenia was about to enter the police station when he was fired upon twice by Misalucha but missed.

Obenia fired back, emptying his 9mm Sterling automatic pistol on Misalucha, the investigation report said. (Cesar de la Torre)

TARLAC: The new officers of the Philippine Rabbit Bus Employees Union (PREBU) were recently inducted into office by Labour Region III Director Ricardo Martinez Sr. in simple induction ceremonies held at a restaurant in Quezon City.

The guest speaker was Buenaventura Magallin, deputy administrator of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB).

The PREBU officers are Andres Espinosa, president; Ricardo S. Tomeladan Jr., vice president; Nestor D. Pinal, secretary; Dolores Quijano, treasurer; Jesus Ramos, auditor; Crescencio Soriano, PRO; and Alfredo Morrow, Blas Rivera, Ruben Sum Jr., Arturo Hernandez, Sergio Yalung, conrado Cabigting, Raul Bisda, Rodolfo Paras, Francisco Bulacan, and Domingo Pinlac, directors.

MANILA: Three outstanding journalists will share today their experiences in depth and feature writing with participants in the third workshop of the Joaquin "Chino" Roces Institute of Applied Journalism at the Bulwagang Parlatid of the National Press Club.

Diego Cagahastan copy editor of the Manila Bulletin and movie scriptwriter-director of the best, will talk on magazine writing, while professor Louie Teodoro, Manila Time columnist, will discuss the nuances of in-depth, analytical, and situation pieces.

RAMON TUASON of the Asian Institute of Journalism will make a comparative analysis of newspaper and radio news.

FERNANDO, La Union: The ongoing major revamp at the Region 1 military headquarters here continues with the expected relief of at least seven more officers.

This will bring to 34 the total number of military officials relieved in Region 1 in line with the order of Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos to institute vital reforms and rid the organization of scoundrels, liabilities and misfits.

Ramos' orders were aimed primarily to restore the good name of the organization.

To be affected by the revamp are officials mostly assigned as company commanders. They will be replaced by military officers with the rank of major.

The revamp order supposed to be issued this week was withheld for next week by Brig Gen. Miguel C. Abaya

Jovy saved from inquiry

'inter-chamber courtesy'

By Ed Perpena

CITING "inter-chamber courtesy," the House committee on public accountability decided not to ask Senate President Jovito Salonga to explain his role in the failed attempt to recover some \$7.5 billion deposited President Marcos and his family allegedly deposited in Swiss banks.

Rep. Victorico Chavez (LDP, Misamis Or.), committee chairman, announced the decision, but said Salonga could still be cited in administrative or criminal actions the panel might recommend.

Salonga, who was then chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, former Executive Secretary Joker Arroyo, then Solicitor General Sedfrey Ordenez and Commissioner Raul Daza, were accused by banker Michael de Guzman of aborting the plan to recover the Marcos loot.

Testifying before the House committee earlier this week, De Guzman said the plan was for him to inform Marcos that his assets were to be frozen by the Swiss government and lure him into authorizing the transfer of the funds to the Export Finance Bank, a Vienna bank owned by De Guzman.

De Guzman said he was able to convince Marcos in 1986 to transfer \$213 million, but the transaction fell through when Salonga insisted that the money be deposited in the account of the Philippine government.

Salonga has denied knowing about the plot, code-named "Operation Big Bird."

Chavez said his committee found De Guzman's testimony to be "consistent," virtually lending credence to the banker's charges.

Chavez said "inter-chamber courtesy" is a time-honoured legislative tradition, but this does not confer immunity on any legislator.

"Let the people be the ultimate arbiter (of this issue)," he said.

Chavez also told newsmen the PCGG has agreed to facilitate the appearance before his committee of the three Swiss lawyers hired by the government to recover Marcos' deposits.

The three — Dr. Sergio Salvioni and Moritz Luenberger, both members of the Swiss parliament, and Guy Fontaine — have been accused by Commissioner Jose R. Almonte of the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau, of sabotaging the recovery of the Marcos deposits and protecting the secrecy of the Swiss banks.

In the case of Daza, Chavez said the House Ethics Committee would be the proper forum for investigating his role in the failed operation.

Daza said De Guzman contacted the Philippine government only when he failed in his first attempt. "As far as my memory serves, me, Jovy (Salonga) came to know about it only after the fact."

Soldier confused by paid loan fine

By Fe Zamora

S/SGT. Antonio Arreco is both puzzled and worried.

Why? He still has to pay a fine for a loan which he had already paid for. This bothers him even more because he could not re-enlist if he did not pay.

Arreco, who is detailed with the office of AFP spokesman Col Juanito Rimando, said he did not intend to become a victim of irregularities in the AFP.

In thick Visayan accent, Arreco said: "Ang daming kalokohan dito, sundalo ang palaging kawawa." This is his story.

In April 1987, he applied for an appliance loan with the Armed Forces of the Philippines Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (AFP-MBAI). The loan was payable in 24 months through salary deductions at P387 a month. The loan matured in March, 1989.

Last May, while applying for re-enlistment, Arreco went to the MBAI to secure a clearance. He was issued one which was signed by Navy Lt. (senior grade) Rafael Llave, assistant vice-president for account management.

In the clearance, Llave noted that as of March, Arreco had a balance of P325.01, the last payment to the loan.

Arreco wondered why he still had a "balance." It was already May and yet P387 was still being deducted from his salary. The deductions went on until this month.

But early this week, Arreco read a notice for soldiers to claim the "overpayment."

He immediately proceeded to the MBAI, only to be informed by the teller he had to pay P139 as surcharge for every month of delayed payment. The surcharge, he was told, should be about P500.

Unable to understand the alleged delinquency, Arreco sought out Llave. He was told that his



remittances were delayed because the finance agents were slow in sending them to the MBAI. "Kaya may surcharge daw."

Arreco argued with Llave that it was not his fault the deductions did not reach the finance agents on time.

But Llave allegedly insisted he paid P500 or the amount would be deducted from the overpayment which now amounted to nearly P1,200.

Arreco has an average take home pay of P800 every payday, and said the P500 was already worth a sack of rice for his family.

He said Llave advised him to file a complaint against the MBAI management. "Huwag ka lang mag-mention ng pangalan," Arreco quoted him as saying.

Galido guilty of abusing scribes

A FACT-FINDING committee found Brig. Gen. Alejandro Galido, chief of the Southern Luzon Command, guilty of illegally detaining newsmen who joined a police team out to arrest soldiers linked to the robbery-killing of two Manila policemen last month.

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Manila.

Toquero said that Dimagmali and Mangila failed to coordinate with the SOLCOM when they set out to arrest suspects in the June 8 heist on Jones bridge which resulted in the killing of Maj Romeo Clavio and Pat Valentin Roque.

Dimagmali, Mangila, and their men raided on June 12 the house of former PC Sgt. Efrén "Boy" Amores in Barangay Lutucan, Sariaya, Quezon.

The WPD operatives arrested Myla Cadacio, Amores' girlfriend, and confiscated from her Clavio's ArmaLite and blood-stained paper bills worth P250,000 believed to be part of the P2 million taken during the heist.

Amores eluded arrest but was later captured in Cebu City.

The WPD operatives also arrested Sgt. Josefine Rasol, another suspect, at barangay Talipain in Pagbilao town.

In his report, Toquero chided Galido for ordering his men to arrest the WPD operatives,

including newsmen, at a checkpoint in Tiaong and detain them for 15 hours "without a valid excuse" at SOLCOM headquarters in Camp Nakar, Lucena.

Toquero dismissed Galido's claims that the newsmen were allowed to go home later in the day.

"Freedom of the press is so sacred a right that its exercise should not be subjected to any form of restraint," he said. "Media practitioners should be allowed to go unhampered while in the process of gathering news for dissemination to the public."

Galido later released the WPD operatives and newsmen but the SOLCOM chief took over custody of Rasol and Cadacio.

In his report, however, Toquero criticized Dimagmali and Mangila for violating a standing directive to co-ordinate all police operations with local military commanders.

"There was no reason for them not to contact (military) officials before or during the raid,"

Villains arrested in Dagupan

By Dave Veridiano

CONSTABULARY agents have arrested eight members of an international gunrunning and drug trafficking syndicate in Dagupan City and seized 82 assorted firearms, 15 grenades and more than 600 kilos of marijuana.

Col Aurelio Medina, acting chief of the Criminal Investigation Service, said five of those arrested were foreigners but refused to reveal their nationalities.

A report sent to Maj Gen Ramon E. Montano, PC-INP chief, said the firearms and huge volume of marijuana are for shipment to Japan where it could command a very high price.

The suspects were nabbed at the vicinity of Victoria Hotel in downtown Dagupan Uzis, and 21 cigar cartons containing the compressed dried marijuana leaves.

Piad said his men found the firearms neatly packed in plastic containers, alongside with the cartons of marijuana, inside a van parked at the hotel's parking lot.

The suspects were about to leave the hotel for their trip to Metro Manila, in preparation for the shipping of the seized items at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, when the CIS agent led Maj Ruben Zaccarias pounced on them.

A CIS agent said the seizure was a followup of an earlier operation conducted at the PAL air cargo division near the NAAI complex.

Teachers and students strike back

By Ninfa U. Rueda

STUDENTS and teachers assailed officials of 26 colleges and universities for suspending classes indefinitely in protest over student demonstrations against tuition increases.

Close to 250,000 students enrolled in schools belonging to the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) were affected by the suspension of classes, which started last week.

The militant Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) said the move of PACU to suspend classes was "diversionary, irresponsible and anarchic."

Moderate student groups said they would sue the schools for violating laws on education.

"When classes are disrupted, the quality (of education) suffers," said Alain Pascual of the Komite Laban sa Pagtaas ng Matrikula (KOMITE).

Rep. Renato Yap (LDP, Quezon City) also threatened to file charges against the schools, saying their closure was "irresponsible and arbitrary."

"It is ironic that these institutions which impact virtues of law and order to the youth are the ones resorting to dirty tactics instead of answering the issues openly," Yap said.

He said he would sue the schools for violating the law by collecting tuition and not doing what they were paid to do.

ACT chairman Eric Torres said if school authorities wanted peace on campus, they should freeze tuition and hold dialogues with the students.

"They are aiming at the wrong target — the students who have been victims of their exploitative tuition increases and of police and military

brutality," Torres said.

Torres also said the action taken by the schools was irresponsible since even those not affected by unrest suspended classes.

Militant groups such as the League of Filipino Student (LFS) and the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP) promised to continue holding rallies against tuition increases.

"They are the problem-makers, not us," LFS chairman Nathaniel Santiago said.

PACU officials said recently the suspension of classes was intended to "bring into sharp focus the havoc wrought upon the schools by the radical student groups" and prompt the government to act decisively against the protesters.

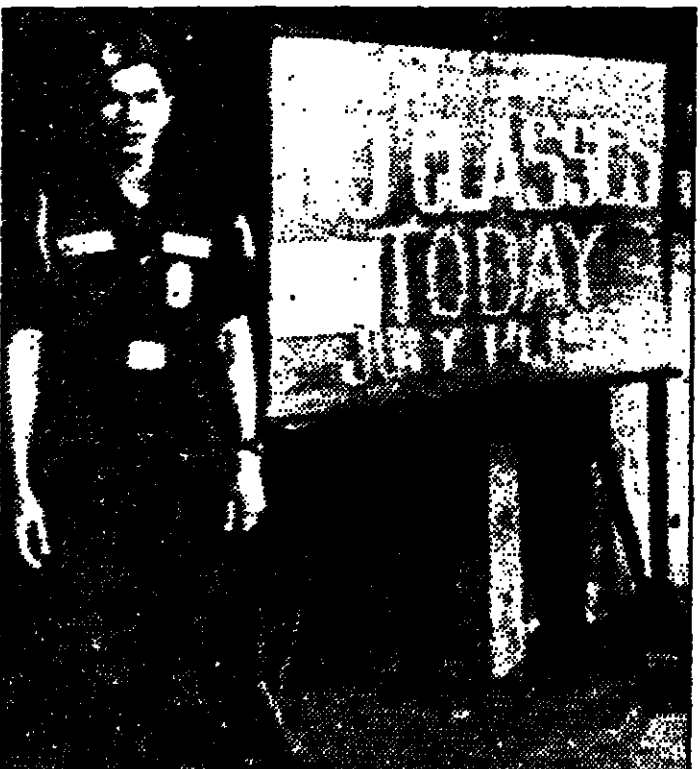
The schools which suspended classes were Lyceum, Feati, St. Jude, NAMEI, MCU, FEU, NTC, PCCR, TIP, NU, UE, Arellano, Perpetual Help College, MLQU, PSBA, PWU, UM, CCP, MIT, De Ocampo Memorial College, Roosevelt College, PATS, GIT and San Beda College.

Education officials said they could not compel the schools to reopen.

Hernando Dizon, DECS director for Metro Manila, told newsmen schools are empowered to suspend classes without obtaining permission from the department.

But he said Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing has been holding dialogues with PACU officials and they were optimistic the impasse would be broken soon.

In a related development, Malacanang directed the military and the police to exercise maximum tolerance during student rallies.



A security guard at the Arellano University wears a stern look as he stands by a 'No classes' sign.

TACLOBAN CITY: A car-napping syndicate in Eastern Visayas was believed busted yesterday after the Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) District 8 based here arrested two fences (buyers of stolen goods) and recovered two passenger jeeps in Calbayog City.

Maj. Edgar M. Felix, CHPG district commander said in his report to Brig. Gen. Manuel F. Bruan, CHPG chief, at Camp Crame that out of 10 vehicles stolen in Metro Manila and brought to the area, two were recovered.

The jeep, an Isuzu with engine and chassis and plate numbers 346876, SPM-12510-87-C, and PJC-652, was found in Obispo, Calbayog City.

Recovered in Catbalogan City, Samar, was a Fuso jitney with engine No. 156480 and chassis No. SPM-12786-87 G and plate No. NBAX-302. Both jeeps were taken to the CHPG District 8 offices here.

'The King is dead — Long live the King'

In search of the next Laurence Olivier

By Matt Wolf

LAURENCE OLIVIER is gone. Will the theatre world ever see his like again?

Said critic Bernard Levin, who wrote in The Times after Olivier died July 11: "no one will replace the splendour that he gave his native land with his genius."

Other critics say that while another Olivier may be in the wings, they feel today's entertainment industry makes it doubtful.

Primarily a man of the stage, Olivier became a superstar in all media. The sheer quantity of his work is among the most noteworthy aspects of a career that ended with his death at age 82, at

his country home south of London.

But Olivier also was the consummate actor-manager — a passionate theatre advocate as important behind the scenes as a director and organiser as he was on stage as a performer.

Few theatre observers would dispute that first-rate British actors continue to abound.

Derek Jacobi, Vanessa Redgrave, Anthony Hopkins, Glenda Jackson, Alan Bates, Maggie Smith and Ian McKellen are just some of the generation after Olivier who have been widely and often acclaimed.

Then there's an even younger generation less known abroad, but already starting greatness in the eye: Kenneth Branagh, Anthony

Sher, Juliet Stevenson, Fiona Shaw.

Although Olivier's death is being called the end of an era, he is survived by such stalwart knights and dames of stage as John Gielgud, John Mills, Rex Harrison, Alex Guinness, Wendy Hiller and Peggy Ashcroft.

But it's Olivier's level of com-

mitment to the art form he cherished that may be in shorter supply.

"Will anyone ever again go on for so long, play so many great parts, run so many companies?" asked Michael Coveney in the Financial Times. "Will they want to enough? We must doubt it until they do."

Feared

Milton Shulman, writing in the Evening Standard, also feared such dedication was dying. "The likes of Olivier, nurtured on greasepaint, the footlights, and the effrontery of daring an audience to like you, are fast becoming an endangered species."

The stage instead, he wrote, is

"fast becoming the casting kindergarten for film and TV."

The trend is increasing in Britain as talented young theatre actors opt for the greater financial rewards of film and television.

Natasha Richardson, Hugh Grant, James Wilby, and Amanda Donohoe are just some of the classically schooled young English talents who work mostly on screen.

Among the older generation, none has matched the initiative of Olivier, who in 1963 realised an old dream of establishing a National Theatre of Great Britain.

"The quality of work we do here is mostly due to him,"

Veteran actor Michael Bryant told Tuesday night's audience at the National's production of "The Voyage Inheritance."

Some feel Olivier's death ends a kind of theatrical majesty that transcends issues of talent.

Lost

In an editorial entitled "Stage colossus," The Daily Telegraph wrote: "He was the undisputed leader of his profession, its spokesman, and the brightest jewel in its crown. We shall not look upon his like again."

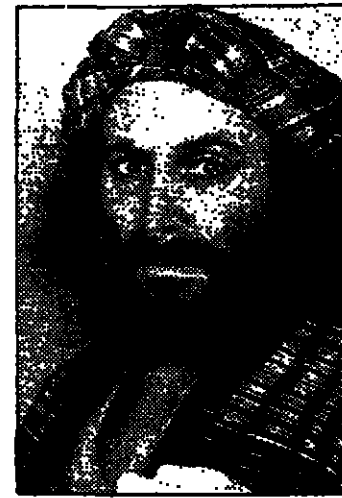
Levin wrote: "What we have lost with Laurence Olivier is glory. ... You could practically see it growing around him like a nimbus."



Lord Olivier with his 12-month-old grandson Trilux.



Ian McKellen ... as Macbeth

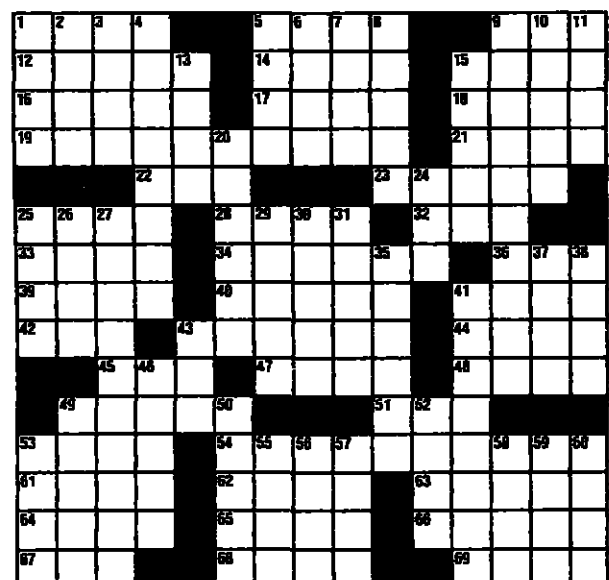


Anthony Sher ... as Shylock



Kenneth Branagh ... in the daunting role of Henry V.

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♥ A K Q 4 2

♦ A J 10 4 2

♣ K Q

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♥ Dbl

Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

Sometimes there is little to choose between two lines of play. That is when you should study the bidding to see if there are any clues available.

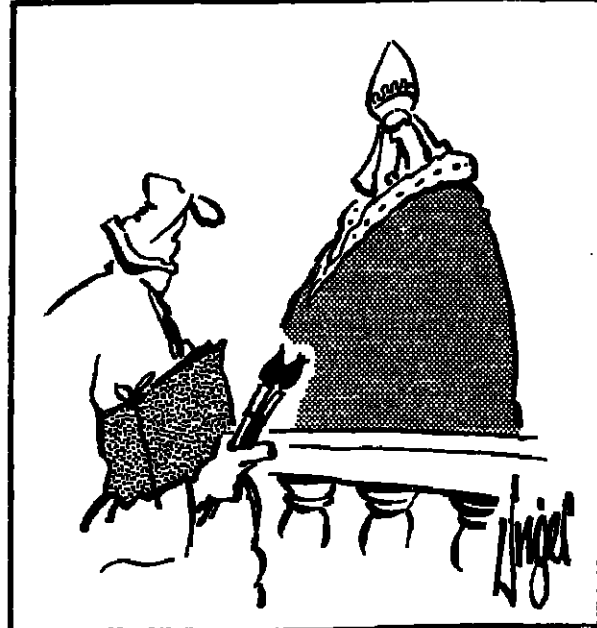
Note that South did not feel compelled to bid more than two diamonds at his second turn. Unless North could raise voluntarily to three diamonds, game in the minor was unlikely. Once North took a preference back to hearts, South de-

cided he would take his chances on game.

East won the first trick with the ace of spades and shifted to the ten of clubs—a spade continuation, forcing declarer, would have been better. West topped South's king of clubs with the ace and continued the suit to declarer's queen. A low diamond to the nine lost to the queen, and declarer ruffed the spade return. South was at the crossroads.

He took a reasonable shot. He drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the ace of diamonds and then led the jack. When West produced a low diamond, declarer could no longer make the contract as the cards lay. If he ruffed, West would have a diamond trick; if he discarded, East would ruff for the setting trick.

The clue to the winning approach lay in West's double. Diamonds were likely to be 4-2, so the best chance was to hope that West also held the jack of trumps. After ruffing the spade, declarer should have cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond with the nine of trumps. When East cannot over-trump, declarer returns to hand with a high trump and ruffs another diamond with the ten. A spade ruff puts him back in hand to draw the outstanding trumps, and his long diamond is the game-going trick.



"What about the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel? I'm getting sick of plain white."

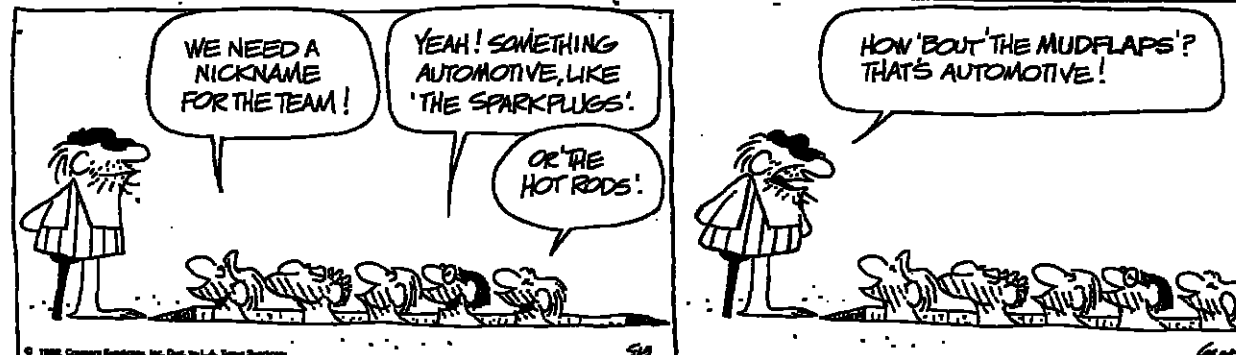
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not seem to be getting your way, but in the end you will have got more than you first thought. An item you had considered buying will prove to be prohibitively expensive.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Make sure you repay a favour. Take a little more exercise but do not exhaust yourself. Be polite.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not pretend to knowledge you have not. Avoid allowing yourself to be bogged down in secondary matters. Hang on to your wallet do not spend so much. Be prudent.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Do not use credit cards as if they were free. A personal matter will come nearer to a solution. You will be able to settle an argument you have been having with a friend. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will have to take a disappointment in your stride. Try to keep your wits about you and do not do things by stops and starts. Show a little more tolerance where a friend is concerned. Be responsive.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

One of your children will behave in an unexpected manner. You should not take too much for granted. Make sure you do not do anything that would be likely to injure your health. Be fair.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Something you had feared might will not now happen. But nor will something you had hoped would happen. You will be able to do something a little more constructive. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You must take extra care on the road whether walking or driving. You should be extra careful when dealing with anything electrical. Do not postpone something you know well should be done now. Be generous.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You must be extra careful after dark. You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. You should avoid jumping to conclusions or acting on the spur of the moment. Be provident.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A friend of yours will come to your assistance in a most timely manner. An offer or proposal should not be taken at its face value. Something you have been learning will now come into its own. Be cautious.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should allow bygone to be bygones. Your lucky numbers are 13 and 34. Do not ask for more than you are prepared to give in return. Do not get flustered if you have a lot to do and time is short. Be respectful.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You are liable to meet up with some ingratitude — never mind you know you have done your best. You should take an interest in something that is of great interest to your partner.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sheikh Salem outlines details

No plan to set up bourse for currency dealings

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah ruled out the idea of setting up of a bourse for currency dealings in Kuwait.

Sheikh Salem said that there is no need for such a bourse at present because currency exchange is not like the stock market and securities. He added that the nature of dealing in currencies is not like that of stock and securities.

He said that if information about rate of exchange is required these informations are always available to dealers through the concerned financial companies and other official sources. He said that Kuwait has a very active market dealing in currency exchanges through the local banks and the licensed money exchange companies.

Sheikh Salem said that the Central Bank also supplies the local market with the necessary foreign currency needed by the national economy through the local banks.

He added that the CBK also buys and sells foreign currencies with the local banks. Sheikh Salem said that any free economy must have an important currency exchange market and Kuwait has a developed market.



Sheikh Salem

He said that as there are no restrictions on the movement of funds and as Kuwait in particular and other Gulf states are involved in commercial and financial dealings with foreign countries, the currency exchange market forms an integral and important part of the local economy.

He said that for example, KD47.5 billion worth of currency was exchanged last year

only among the Kuwaiti dinar and the US dollars.

Sheikh Salem said that the CBK strictly supervises the development in the currency exchange market between the Kuwaiti dinar and other foreign currencies particularly the US dollar.

He said that lately, deals at the currency market in Kuwait have remarkably improved to include post dated deals and other

currency options operations.

On his party, deputy chairman of the Al Ahli Bank Abdul Salam Al Awadi supported the idea of establishing a currency bourse. He said that it could be started by establishing a unit at the Kuwait Stock Exchange market. But he warned that necessary legal and financial regulations must be made available.

He said that as Kuwait has a free economy system, there is no harm in starting a specialised market for currency exchange. But he added that supervision over the proposed bourse should not mean restrictions.

He said that if the unit is well controlled, it can develop into a true currency exchange bourse, which if well managed can attract huge funds.

He said that such a bourse will certainly open new investment channels for the local investors.

Al Awadi said that the proposed bourse will have no adverse effect on the money exchange companies as they themselves can be dealers.

He stressed that a well-organised currency bourse can achieve stability in the local currency exchange market and can be an attractive investment means.

Chairman of the Kuwait Fin-

ance House, Ahmad Al Yassin said that apparently the idea is good, but warned that it may become a place for illegal speculations. Thus, he said, it requires strict supervision and legal backing.

He said that efforts of the CBK, local banks and financial companies must be co-ordinated in order to come out with a clear idea about the proposed bourse. But he said that he does not expect the currency bourse to attract local funds from the foreign markets.

Al Yassin said that there is no urgency to establish a currency bourse in Kuwait, because Kuwait is not an industrialised or an agricultural country. It only exports oil and thus, fluctuations in the currency exchange rates will not have a big effect on the local market.

Meanwhile, assistant general manager of the Commercial Bank did not agree to this idea because it is impractical and difficult to implement in Kuwait.

Ahmad Al Hamlan said that there is no need for a currency bourse in Kuwait and it is not important to the local economy and it will have no power to attract "our funds from foreign countries."

Employee share scheme launched

MIDDLE East employees of Pepsi-Cola International are being offered a stock option incentive scheme, part of a world-wide programme described as the largest of its kind.

The sharepower scheme will grant annual options to all full-time employees of PCI in the region.

More than 70 employees in the Middle East will benefit according to 10 per cent of their prior year's salary package. This is said to be the first time such a scheme has been so widely offered within a company, says Pepsi.

"The option programme will motivate employees to perform even better because they now directly gain from increased share value," said F. David Jones, Pepsi's Regional Vice President.

The value of PepsiCo shares is currently four times what it was five years ago (\$55 versus \$13). Over the past 10 years, there has been 16.7 per cent compound annual growth.

Exchange rates

Indian rupee	18.020
Sri Lankan rupee	8.220
Pakistani rupee	14.200
Bangladesh taka	9.110
US dollars	2.9670
Pound sterling	4.8175
Deutsche mark	1.5525
UAE dirham	0.8085
Japanese yen	0.02100

Guidelines to banks soon

Maintaining standards of capital adequacy

BOMBAY, July 22. (Agencies): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposes to issue guidelines to all banks in the country for maintaining certain standards of capital adequacy.

According to informed sources, the RBI is presently engaged in an exercise to determine how best Indian banks could improve their ratio of capital and reserves to weighted risk assets.

A formal announcement is expected shortly. The restructuring of the capital bases of banks has been considered necessary by the RBI in view of the recommendations of the Basle Committee or the Peter Cooke Committee set up by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

With a view to bringing about some uniformity between banks in different countries, the Cooke Committee had recommended that the ratio of capital and free reserves to weighted risk assets should be eight per cent.

In comparison with international standards, Indian banks are presently undercapitalised sources observed. In the UK, the risk ratio is over eight per cent with some banks maintaining ratios of even 10 or 11 per cent. However, Japanese banks are considered to be undercapitalised by BIS standards.

Sources point out that the RBI would be justified in asking banks to increase capital and reserves to

provide a cushion in the event of an erosion in assets or other losses.

They observe that banks could maintain a suitable risk ratio by either raising share capital or ploughing back more profits into the reserves kitty.

In all probability, both measures would have to be adopted, they say.

An increase in share capital for public sector banks would mean that the government would raise its equity in these banks. As such budgetary provisions for these resources would be necessary, sources say.

If banks plough back a larger part of their profits as general reserves, then some tax benefits are called for, they feel.

With the growth in deposits estimated at around 20 per cent per annum, assets too are growing at a similar rate, sources observe.

As such, the increase in profits would have to be commensurate with the growth in assets if the risk ratio is to be maintained at a suitable level, they point out adding that in the long run banks would have to depend more on profits to maintain the ratio.

The Cooke Committee report was ratified at the meeting of the Group of Ten at Luxembourg in July, 1988.

Arabs buy more fruits from Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22. (KUNA): Malaysian tropical fresh fruits are slowly gaining acceptance in the Gulf markets due to the increasing demand, both in value and quantity, from Arab consumers, said Malaysian Trade Commissioner in Dubai, Mohammad Zakri.

The outlook for exports of mangoes, papaw, rambutans, mangosteen and star fruits appear good since the Gulf countries are dependent upon imports

for their fresh fruit needs, he said in the latest issue of Intisari Dagang, a bulletin published by the Malaysian Trade and Industry Ministry.

He said the Gulf market for tropical fresh fruit is very large and there exists good prospects for Malaysian exporters to secure a fraction of the existing import market.

Total imports of mango, being the most popular fruit, amounted to \$25.92 million in 1987, an

increase of 11.2 per cent compared to \$22.96 million in 1986.

The mangoes variety, introduced early this year to the United Arab Emirates, received encouraging response, said Zakri.

Total imports of papaw into the Gulf region, another favourite fruit there, was estimated at 200 tonnes while those of rambutans and mangosteen reached about 50 tonnes in 1988, he added.

Hitachi and Cray to exchange technology

TOKYO, July 22. (AP): American Cray Research Inc. and Hitachi, Ltd. have agreed to share supercomputer technology in Cray's first deal with a Japanese computer maker, according to several media reports.

Hitachi and Cray officials were not available for comment. The nationally circulated Asahi Shimbun newspaper, Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) and Kyodo News Service, all quoting unnamed "industry sources," said the two corporate giants have agreed to exchange supercomputer hardware technology, including circuits for high speed analysis of scientific information.

New unpatented technology as well as existing technology will be shared, the reports said. Kyodo News Service reported the agreement will enable Hitachi to obtain technology from Cray, which has more experience than Hitachi in supercomputers, and will allow Hitachi, which has never sold supercomputers overseas, to step into the US and European supercomputer markets.

The deal also helps Hitachi avoid patent troubles with Cray, Asahi reported.

Meanwhile, the agreement will give Cray access to Japanese technology and help it expand sales in Japan by using Hitachi's marketing network, Kyodo said.



Striking miners from the Donbass coalfields bring mattresses and blankets as several thousands of strikers prepared to stay on Pavlovgrad main square for an indefinite period. At the background is Lenin's statue. (Reuters wirephoto)

Miners told to return to work

Gorbachev issues new appeal

MOSCOW, July 22. (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev issued a new appeal to thousands of striking miners to return to work today and said accords to improve pay and working conditions would be submitted to parliament.

Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov said in a telegram to a government team negotiating with miners in the Ukraine that the economy had reached a "critical stage" after 12 days of strikes throughout the country.

It called for mutual understanding and "joint action to normalise the situation."

In the Black Sea region of Abkhazia, two members of the security forces were shot dead, bringing the death toll to 20 since clashes erupted last week between groups of armed Abkhazians and Georgians.

A meeting of senior Communist Party members in Abkhazia, an autonomous region within the southern republic of Georgia, replaced a number of officials. No reasons were given.

Two senior party secretaries were among those replaced, along with the prime minister.

The telegram was sent as negotiators in the Donbass, the country's largest coal field where more than 100 pits remained on strike, failed to persuade miners to accept an agreement to return to work.

The official Tass news agency said the accord was backed by strike committees but rejected at mass meetings as miners disagreed with provisions on pensions.

Miners in western Siberia's Kuzbass region resumed work on Friday after accepting an agreement which promised more economic independence for mines and improved food supplies.

They were the first to go on strike last week.

But despite assurances from Gorbachev and other senior figures that the deal applied throughout the country, miners in the Ukraine and several other regions have been reluctant to return to their pits.

The telegram, read out on the television news, asked the commission conducting negotiations to tell miners that all agreements "will be urgently examined by the Supreme Soviet (lower parliament) and cabinet with the participation of miners' representatives. The necessary decisions will be adopted."

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BAT chief faces takeover threat

Battle may boil down to a struggle

LONDON, July 22. (AP): As chairman of tobacco giant BAT Industries PLC, Patrick Sheehy has led a \$4.5-billion (\$7.2-billion) takeover spree into businesses ranging from insurance to department stores.

Now the 58-year-old chairman is finding out what it's like on the receiving end of a bid: an unsolicited \$21-billion, debt-financed takeover offer from a trio led by financier Sir James Goldsmith.

"I suppose it's definitely ironic," said Sheehy, who has spent his entire professional career with BAT. "My reaction to the bid was one of surprise, initially, not that we thought that we were invulnerable. But I mean I certainly thought that this type of raid was unlikely."

The Goldsmith offer, financed largely by borrowed money, would be the second-biggest ever if successful, but the record \$25-billion RJR Nabisco Inc. takeover by the New York investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co.

In an interview, Sheehy described Goldsmith and partners as avaricious financiers, whose plan to break up BAT and sell pieces to help pay for a takeover is "just naked asset-stripping."

In contrast, Sheehy said, BAT's acquisitions of other companies have been friendly, with the notable exception of a \$5.2-billion takeover of the Farmers Insurance Group Inc. of Los Angeles earlier this year. Even in that case, Sheehy said, the tak-

over was a strategic, long-term investment. Sheehy began working for BAT nearly 40 years ago when it was still known as British American Tobacco Co. He became chairman in 1982.

The BAT battle may boil down to a struggle between Goldsmith, renowned for profitable forays for other companies, and Sheehy, a modest but intensely determined one-company man who knows how a takeover strategist thinks.

Sheehy's defence so far has been to raise the alarms, and to hope that the takeover bid will get stuck in a regulatory quagmire.

BAT will ask Britain's office of fair trading to refer the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to decide whether the bid violates the public interest, Sheehy said.

"We are certainly using our political friends to try and bring pressure to bear," he said.

Sheehy also predicted the governments of other countries where BAT operates will raise concern about Goldsmith's bid, particularly in the United States, where regulatory authorities will want detailed plans on how a takeover would affect farmers, one of the nation's biggest insurers.

Goldsmith and his two partners, British banker Jacob Rothschild and Australian entrepreneur Kerry Packer, have attacked Sheehy's strategy of diversifying into financial services and retailing.

Alshall stock price indices

Gloom still prevails in the non-Kuwaiti market

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.87 points with a decrease of 0.17 point — 0.45 per cent — from last week's average.

The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.41 with no change over last week's average, according to Alshall weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 2.1 million shares (three days of trading only) at a daily average of 0.70 million shares with a decrease of 33 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 1.05 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 0.08 million shares (three days of trading only) at a daily average of 0.027 million shares with a sharp decrease of 89 per cent from last week's daily average of 0.250 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD1.37 million at a daily average of KD0.46 million, a sharp increase of 92 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.24 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.002 million at a daily average of less than KD0.001 million, a sharp decrease of 89 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.009 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 93 per cent of total trading against 52 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait led at 55 per cent, followed by The Commercial Bank at 18 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 14 per cent.

Second came the services sector at 5 per cent, of which Mobile Telephone Systems had the lead at 46 per cent, followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets at 36 per cent and Public Warehousing at 18 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 2 per cent in which National Investment Company was the only traded company

within the sector. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Arabian Investment Company was also the only traded company.

The market continued to show signs of weak activity.

However, this weakness was more pronounced in the non-Kuwaiti market as there was almost no trading.

One of the signs of weakness is the concentration of trading in the banking sector in which companies are stable either because of their performance or because they are supported by the government.

This means that investors in the market are not willing to take any kind of risk.

"We believe that this state of weakness will continue till the end of the present year with a few exceptions due to possible announcements."

At the beginning of this year, "we expected the market to be less active than the previous year due to the fact that external and artificial interventions are no longer there such as stock splits or urging companies to buy 10 per cent of their own shares, of the Iraq-Iran ceasefire issue."

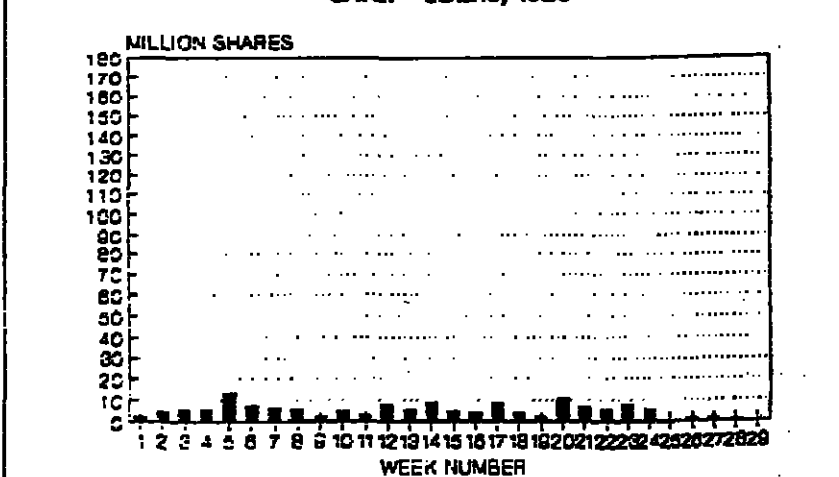
The original problem still exists, with no real effort has been made to improve actual performance of the listed companies themselves or to try to replace companies which show weaknesses with others that are more promising.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	19/07/89	12/07/89	points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	111.20	112.35	-1.15
The Gulf Bank	31.48	31.48	—
The Commercial Bank	23.27	23.27	—
Al Ahli Bank	29.77	29.77	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.50	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	26.53	27.06	-0.52
Kuwait Finance House	76.62	76.62	—
Investment Sector	48.78	48.94	-0.26
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	18.18	18.18	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.00	11.00	—

IFA Commercial Facilities 32.35 32.35 —
National Investments 118.25 118.25 —
Kuwait Investment 63.73 63.73 —
Proj. 99.99 99.99 —
Sector Index 32.25 32.25 —
Insurance Sector 35.88 35.88 —
Kuwait Insurance Co. 26.15 26.15 —
Al Ahlia Insurance Co. 48.80 48.80 —
Warba Insurance Co. 54.98 54.98 —
Sector Index 36.48 36.48 —
Real Estate Sector 16.57 16.57 —
Kuwait Real Estate 3.60 3.60 —
United Realty 35.83 35.83 —
National Real Estate 69.02 69.02 —
Pearl of Kuwait 16.48 16.48 —
Sector Index 16.57 16.57 —
Industrial Sector 11.59 11.59 —
Kuwait Cement Co. 79.06 79.06 —
Refrigeration Indust. 110.87 110.87 —
Gulf Cables 73.78 73.78 —
Kuwait Pharmaceutical 28.98 28.98 —
Sector Index 115.52 115.52 —
Services Sector 8.56 8.56 —
Kuwait Computer Co. 69.70 69.70 —
Kuwait Cinema Co. 37.29 37.29 —
Public Warehousing 276.19 280.95 -4.76
Sector Index 54.18 54.94 -0.80
Livestock Trade & Transport 30.51 30.51 —
United Fisheries 10.62 10.62 —
Kuwait United Poultry 84.34 84.34 —
Kuwait Food Co. 68.97 68.97 —
Sector Index 28.18 28.18 —
Overall Index 37.87 37.87 -0.17
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index 67.41 67.41 —
Sector Index 67.41 67.41 —
First Gulf Bank 223.68 223.68 —
Bahrain Internat. Bank 86.90 86.90 —
Bahrain M. East Bank 87.32 87.32 —
Cost Inv. & Dev. Co. 78.10 78.10 —
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA) 43.18 43.18 —
Umm Al Quain Cement 13.87 13.87 —
Gulf Medical Projects 21.28 21.28 —
Total Index 67.41 67.41 —
—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN-1 - JUL-19, 1989



Currency rates

KUWAIT, July 22. (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.25565	0.25680
Sterling	0.47650	0.48170
Dm.	0.15400	0.15580
S. fr.	0.17850	0.18070
F. fr.	0.04541	0.04595
It. lira	0.0002133	0.0002157
Jap. yen	0.002088	0.002098

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, July 22. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-5/16	8-13/16
3 months	8-11/16	9-1/8
6 months	8-3/4	9-1/4
1 year	8-3/4	9-1/4

Northern Gulf Trading Co. w.l.l., a leading motor vehicle dealer in Kuwait, requires the services of

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Telephone: 4831181, 4831764
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US inflation is still a problem

Pace of economic growth slows

THE current global economic conditions can be tracked back to the October 1987 crash of stock markets. Then, it was felt that the advent of recession was inevitable. In order to avoid this eventuality and put a brake on falling stock prices, the monetary authorities resorted to easy monetary policies, flooding financial systems with liquidity. The result of those policies has been strong economic growth in 1988 and inflation in 1989. The latter was reinforced by the structural (cost push) factor of rising commodity and oil prices according to KIIIC Economic and Financial Markets Review.

Faced with the new economic conditions, with inflation rather than recession being the major risk, the authorities reacted differently.

In those economies where monetary easing was reversed at an early stage (for example, the US) or where monetary policy was eventually tightened aggressively (the UK), economic growth is showing clear signs of slowing.

In those countries where monetary policy was tightened later (for example, Germany) or where there has been no tightening at all (Japan), there is no sign yet of a significant slowdown.

Thus, inflation remains the major problem in industrial countries and there is no indication that it has peaked out. And

while economic growth has probably peaked out, interest rates have not increased because rate cycles normally track inflation cycles more closely than real growth cycles.

Indicative of this is the fact that in its latest half-yearly economic outlook, the OECD emphasised that "the most pressing task of economic policy facing the industrial nations is to prevent inflation gathering momentum." The OECD believes that monetary policies have been tightened sufficiently to cause inflation to stabilise at around current levels and then ease very slightly in the second half of 1990. But it said that considerable uncertainty exists about the underlying strength of demand and inflationary pressures.

In the US, first quarter GNP rose at a revised annual rate of 4.3 per cent, but about 2.5 per cent was attributable to the drought effect.

The underlying growth rate, therefore, was 1.8 per cent with most of the strength concentrated in January.

This rate is below the 3.5 per cent drought adjusted growth rate of the fourth quarter, and far below the administration's economic projection for this year.

More recent data (both on the supply and demand sides) indicate that the economy is slowing down as monetary tightening began to impact the interest sensitive

sectors of the economy. The current combination of negative real M2 growth and an inverted yield curve have generally preceded a recession, but this was not the case in 1966/67 — the period which most closely resembles the 1989 conditions.

That period, as is the current one, was characterised by modest but creeping inflation, inverted yield curve and decelerating economic growth.

The current monetary squeeze in the US is less severe than that fostered by the adoption of monetary targeting in 1979, and has started at a much lower inflation rate.

This makes the required adjustment in output less pronounced, particularly that the Fed does not wish to seriously reduce the inflation rate to the late 1986 levels but rather to fine-tune it.

Thus, it is expected that economic growth will decelerate throughout 1989 without the materialisation of full-fledged recession.

Recent inflation figures underline one important fact with the relevant implications: that US inflation is still a problem.

Explanatory factors of this state of affairs include higher crude oil prices and rising wages.

Tight conditions in the labour market have been reflected in labour cost

indicative of this is the fact that total compensation per hour increased by 6 per cent in the first quarter compared with 5.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1988.

Moreover, the US economy has not weakened significantly on the production side to keep the lid on prices.

One must not forget that current inflation has resulted from a combination of domestic demand-pull and external cost-push factors, which means that tight monetary policy alone may not be sufficient to reduce inflation significantly.

Moreover, a leading indicator of inflation (compiled monthly by the Centre for International Business Cycle Research at Columbia University) is edging up again after a five month drop in 1988.

Although economists constructing this indicator are reflecting to conclude that the recent rise in the index guarantees a new speed-up in inflation, they think that "there will be no easing of the general price climb, and an acceleration is a lot likelier than a deceleration."

Other features of the present US economic conditions are: slower consumption and higher saving rate, sluggish housing investment and slower improvement in export performance. It seems after all, that the effect of higher interest rates has worked its way out on the economy.

Bond, equity markets consolidate

Greater price stability needed

PRIOR to the release of the trade data the dollar made substantive gains on expectations that the figure would be much improved. However in the event the trade gap widened considerably to undermine the entire gain with the dollar virtually unchanged on the week at DM1.89.

Alan Greenspan's Humphrey Hawkins testimony endorsed the trend with confirmation that Fed policy was giving greater emphasis towards avoiding a recession against the subsiding risk of significantly higher inflation. Consequently bond and equity markets consolidated on the week with the Dow Jones ending up 39 points to yet another post crash high of 2584, according to NBK weekly market review.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.89 and yen 141.4.

Business inventories increased by a slightly higher than expected 0.7 per cent in May following a revised 0.8 per cent rise in April.

Merchandise trade deficit rose to a much higher than forecast \$10.24 billion in May compared with a \$8.29 billion gap in April and a \$9.48 billion shortfall in March. The trade deficit in May last year was \$8.69 billion.

Merchandise exports fell slightly to \$30.47 billion in May from \$30.76 billion in April and \$30.06 billion in March. This compares with \$27.45 billion in May 1988.

Merchandise imports increased to \$40.71 billion in May from \$39.04 billion in April and

\$39.55 billion in March. In May 1988 imports stood at \$36.14 billion.

Consumer price index rose a lower than anticipated 0.2 per cent in June following a 0.6 per cent increase in May and this compares with a year-on-year rise of 5.2 per cent.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve confirmed in his half yearly Humphrey Hawkins testimony that there had been a change of policy away from the concern of higher inflation towards avoiding recession.

He stressed the need to strike a balance between supporting moderate growth in demand in the near term whilst aiming for greater price stability in the longer term.

The implied message suggests that the Federal Reserve intends to continue with its "gradualist approach" of easing credit conditions.

We continue to contend that with particularly with money supply numbers coming in stronger, irrespective of this week's comments, the Federal Reserve remains mindful of the possibility of higher inflation. Consequently whilst we do anticipate an easing of policy for the remainder of the year, this will come by a marginal reduction in the Fed funds rate with a discount rate cut not anticipated until the autumn.

Next week's economic data is expected to provide further

evidence of current economic slowdown with softer inflationary figures. Consequently the dollar's softer tone is expected to continue.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: \$/DM1.87-1.91 and \$/Yen 138-143.

The much greater than expected fall in retail sales in June provided further evidence of slower growth and reinforced the government's intention of curbing spending with the aid of higher interest rates.

Sterling moved ahead significantly after the figures ending at DM3.0775. The pound also benefited from the dollar's lack of direction this week.

The equity market has continued to be buoyed by further takeover speculation.

The pound ended the week at DM3.09 and £/\$1.63.

Irrespective of the decline in retail sales numbers the strong growth in bank and building society lending possibly indicates that the squeeze on personal income has prompted a change of increased personal borrowing rather than a reduction in living standards. Consequently a cut in interest rates is highly unlikely until the economy has shown definite signs of slowing significantly.

Sterling is expected to trade slightly firmer against the dollar and on the crosses against the Deutschmark ahead of the trade data next week.

US market gathers momentum

America seeks more flexible exchange rate policy

THE political developments overseas, notably in China and the renewed dollar's fluctuations against the key currencies dictated the trend of the major financial markets, which remained quite volatile in second quarter of 1989. Nevertheless, the US market put on an impressive performance in terms of bonds, stocks and currency, according to KIIIC Economic and Financial Markets Review.

The West German and the Dutch markets progressed fairly well with the exception of currency. Both the UK and Japanese bond and currency markets tended to remain lacklustre, with stocks' favourable mood faltering.

The US treasury market rallied strongly with yield on the long bond benchmark hitting 8.04 per cent — the lowest closing level since April 1987, although investors grew wary about inflation at the consumer level rising at an annual rate of 6.7 per cent in the first five months of this year compared with 4.4 per cent for the whole of 1988.

The main driving forces behind the dramatic rise in prices were evidence of the softening US economy highlighted partly by a sluggish revised 1.9 per cent growth pace in the first quarter non-farm GNP (considerably down from a 3.5 per cent clip in the previous period, underscored a perception that the Fed would ease its credit stance in the near

future), the spectacular surge in the greenback prompted by the widespread political instability abroad that strengthened its safe-haven status, and lower commodity prices — especially a sharp drop in crude oil prices amid reports of a discord among OPEC members over the 19.5 million barrels per day output agreement for the second half of 1989.

Moreover, in the face of recession jitters caused by an unexpected large 1.2 per cent fall in May leading economic indicators that implied softer corporate profits, the stock market picked up further steam gaining 6.4 per cent after rising 5 per cent in the first quarter as measured by the DJIA which exceeded the 2500 mark for the first time since October 1987 and set a post-crash closing high of 2531.87 on June 23; thus the first half appears to be shaping up as one of the best six-month periods in recent years.

Accelerating the upward thrust were the dollar's buoyancy stemming in part from fears of a possible rift within the G-7 amid reports that the US is seeking a more flexible exchange rate policy, increased takeover/speculative activity that mostly centred on entertainment as well as media sectors, and high levels of institutional cash.

The West German bond market bounced back sharply and was overall firm, despite unstable domestic political situa-

tion. Confidence was restored by the strength of the D-mark particularly against the yen that remained partly vulnerable to the political turmoil in China, news of the abolition of the unpopular 10 per cent withholding tax on investment income effective July 1989, stable May domestic inflation in terms of wholesale prices which increased at an annual rate of 6.5 per cent unchanged from April coupled with the slackening in the pace of the key money supply M3 that slowed down to annualised +5.4 per cent in May from +6.2 per cent in April.

Meanwhile, the stock market attained a new 1989 post-crash closing high of 619.11 on June 23 as measured by the FAZ index that registered a healthy 10.7 per cent gain compared with the small 0.8 per cent rise in the previous period, over-looked the one-point increase in the German discount rate to 5.0 per cent.

The remarkable performance was accounted for by the soaring US currency against the D-mark boosted partly by the Bundesbank President's indication that interest rate adjustments and intervention were an ineffective way of controlling exchange rates (spurred heavy overseas demand for export-related stocks), optimistic outlook for the domestic economy in the wake of 4.2 per cent rise in annual rate in the first quarter GNP growth was well as for the cor-

porate earnings results, and the high level of domestic liquidity. The Dutch bond market regained some ground and was mostly steady in the face of political instability caused by the collapse of the Dutch centre-right coalition government.

Incentives to buying interest emanated from the stability of the guilder against the German currency, the relatively low domestic inflation rate that averaged 0.9 per cent for the first four months, and the sharp narrowing in 10-year German bonds yield premium over comparable Dutch issues which encouraged switching into the guilder-denominated paper.

Moreover, the equity market maintained its positive tendency with the CBS All Share index rising 5.5 per cent and setting a new post-crash closing high of 197.4 on June 28, shuffling off a one-point increase in the Dutch discount rate to 6.0 per cent.

Investors were cheered by the positive impact of the strong dollar on corporate earnings of Dutch multi-national stocks, increased prospects for the Dutch economy enhanced by a sizeable jump in the first quarter trade surplus to DFL3.2 billion from DFL1.8 billion in the corresponding period of 1988, renewed takeover/speculative activity especially in publishing/shipping sectors combined with excellent corporate earnings reports for the first three months

of this year. The gilt-edged market experienced an uncomfortable ride with the benchmark yield exceeding 10 per cent — the highest level since October 1987 when it hit 10.5 per cent, despite the narrowing in the May trade deficit to £1.72 billion from £2.16 billion reflecting a 4.4 per cent drop in imports and a 6.7 per cent surge in exports.

Contributing to sober sentiment were ebbing confidence in UK government economic policy that caused the demise of sterling's favoured status on the foreign exchanges, concern that escalating industrial unrest would worsen outlook for inflation which accelerated at annual rate to 8.3 per cent in May, and speculation of a change in UK authorities "gilt buy-in policy."

On the other hand, the stock market slowed its ascent advancing only 4.6 per cent as against the significant 17.4 per cent rise in the first quarter, though setting a post-crash high of 1837.3 on May 19 backed by the Wall Street's strong gains and high level of institutional cash holdings.

The decelerating pace was attributed to a one-point hike in the UK base rate to 14 per cent coupled with the concerted interest rate increases in continental Europe which fanned speculation that higher interest rates would put the country towards recession.

Support for long-term credit

US bank cuts loss

WASHINGTON, July 22, (AP): The US government's Export-Import Bank reduced both its losses and the US exports it supported in the year that ended last Sept 30, it reported.

It said American business people judged it was "generally less than competitive" in competing with other industrial governments in making loans repayable in over five years. It was seen basically competitive for shorter term loans, the bank reported.

The bank's major job in recent years has been to encourage sales of American industrial goods by helping foreign buyers borrow the purchase money at low rates of interest. It makes direct loans itself, and guarantees loans made by commercial banks so that they can offer a low rate of interest. Other governments have similar agencies for supporting their exports.

The US bank supported \$6.535 billion worth of sales in 1988, compared with \$9.265 billion worth the year before. It cut its net loss to \$428.2 million from the previous year's \$460.9 million. It has been losing money through the 1980s.

"The losses in recent years stem mainly from long-term loans made to foreign borrowers in the latter

1970s and early 1980s at interest rates significantly below the bank's cost of funds in order to help US exporters meet foreign competition," acting chairman William F. Ryan said in its annual report, made available Friday.

With that report was another on competitiveness. It showed the American bank supported long-term credit for only about \$710 million worth of business in 1988, compared with \$5.37 billion worth supported by France, 1.77 billion by Italy, 1.13 billion by West Germany and 730 million by Britain.

The annual report included renewed criticism from US Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher, head of the General Accounting Office which watches government spending for Congress.

He said the bank has failed to make any allowance for what his office considers the uncollectible portion of \$11.6 billion owed to the bank. The statement, dated April 9, did not say how much was considered uncollectible.

In the past, Bowsher's staff has cited old loans counted by the bank as assets even though they have been repudiated by China and the government of President Fidel Castro in Cuba.

Bid to curb forgery

Zambia issues new currency

LUSAKA, Zambia, July 22, (AP): Zambia's land borders were closed today as new currency notes were issued in a bid to curb forgery, smuggling and black marketeering, the government said.

A statement released in Lusaka said all old bank notes are being withdrawn from circulation and will remain legal tender only until Aug 3.

The land borders will reopen on Aug 3, said the statement. Air links are not affected. Zambians will be able to surrender to banks up to 2,000 kwacha (\$125) without requiring documentary proof of the source of the money, the government statement said. Amounts in excess of 10,000 kwacha (\$625) will be taxed by 50 per cent.

Finance Ministry officials have said large quantities of printed Zambian kwacha bank notes have been used in black marketeering and cross-border smuggling, particularly to and from neighbouring Zaire. Counterfeit kwacha notes have originated also in Zaire and the border closures were intended to "isolate" black marketeers outside Zambia, one of Africa's most indebted nations, they said.

The government statement said that about 1.6 billion kwacha (\$100 million) were currently in circulation.

"A large part of this money has been generated through black market operations and evasion of taxes," said the statement.

"A very significant proportion of the currency in circulation is believed to be used for financing illegal transactions for foreign exchange and the smuggling of goods from Zambia to neighbouring countries," it said.

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Investment firm checked

Stock manipulation

TAIPEI, July 22, (Reuters): Taiwan's largest underground investment firm is being probed for allegedly trying to solve financial difficulties by manipulating share prices on the stock market, officials said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Taiwan high court said government investigators were checking charges that the Hung Yuan Group had engineered a recent market rally.

"This is an on-going investigation," he said. Hung Yuan officials on Friday denied the charges, which are based on an anonymous tip.

Taiwan's bourse has recovered remarkably after plummeting this month on investor fears that a new banking law would smash the island's underground investment houses, which have been major market players.

Buying interest returned in force this week, however, pushing the index up by 15 per cent since Saturday. It finished at 8,969.50 on Friday against a low for the month of 7,818.11 posted on July 14.

Hung Yuan last week froze all cash withdrawals after thousands of depositors, fearing the company would be forced out of business by the new law, staged a run on its vaults.

Company officials put Hung Yuan's total assets at 80 billion Taiwan dollars (\$3.1 billion) but said investors had drained the company of cash since the start of the month, forcing the firm into an "extraordinary situation."

At the same time the company announced it would stop new deposits to comply with the new banking law, which mandates stiff penalties and jail terms for operators of companies taking deposits without a government banking licence.

Investors are now checking whether Hung Yuan continued to accept money from depositors by persuading them to open stock accounts under their own names and then to turn control over the accounts to Hung Yuan employees.

They say it appears the company was able to jack up the prices of certain issues, including several of its listed affiliates. The company may also have made money by charging investors a fee for participating in the scheme, they say.

Hung Yuan officials said the company had merely continued its normal stock investments. "There is no evidence to back up these accusations,"

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.59	2.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22	2.29
ARAB BANK	189.0	191.7
ARAB CHEMICAL DTYR	4.60	4.73
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.92	1.91
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.10
ARAB INT. INV/TRANS	0.66	0.66
ARAB INT. HOTELS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. TRADING	1.28	1.28
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.40	2.33
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.35	0.34
ARAB PHARMA/NAHF	3.87	3.92
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.57	2.58
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.32
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	2.94	2.86
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.77	0.78
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HINWEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.39	1.40
INDSTR. DEVLPT BAK	1.70	1.70
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.74	1.73
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERM.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.44	2.57
J.TOUR-SP. COMPLEX	0.80	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOB CERAMIC FACTORY	2.35	2.34
JOB EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOB ELECTRIC POWER	1.44	1.49
JOB FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOB GLASS INDUSTRY	1.12	1.13
JOB HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOB INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.46	2.44
JOB INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOB LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOB LIM BRICK	0.15	0.14
JOB MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOB NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.50
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JOB PHOSPHATE MINS	4.60	4.63
JOB PIPES MANUFACT	2.41	2.45
JOB PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOB PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOB ROCK WOOL IND.	1.47	1.53
JOB SECURITY CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOB SELPHO CHEM.	2.10	2.10
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JORADAM GULF REAL	0.33	0.33
JORDAN DAIRY	1.17	1.14
JORDAN GULF BANK.	1.08	1.08
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.21	3.20
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.33	2.30
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.40

KUWAIT

	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
BANK SECTOR						
-NATIONAL BANK	0.980	0.970	0.980	0.970	1075000	300000
-GULF BANK	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.355	40000	30000
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	150000	40000
-AHIL BANK	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
-B.K.H.E.	0.525	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.E.B.	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	10000	10000
-BURJAN BANK	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.255	101500	40000
-K.F.HOUSE	0.460	0.465	0.465	0.465	80000	30000
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.099	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.064	---	---	---	---	---
-CON.FACILITIES	0.430	---	---	---	---	---
-AHILAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.044	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	---	---	---	---	---
-NATIONAL INV.	0.065	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT PROJECTS	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.600	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
-AHILAH INS. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
-KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.130	---	---	---	---	---
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.090	---	---	---	---	---
-NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-SALAHIA R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT R.E.I.-CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---
-K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.166	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT. MARINE	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-K.H. REP. CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	20000	10000
-COM.MKT.CHXP.	0.081	---	---	---	---	---
-MOBILE TELE.	0.295	0.290	0.295	0.290	20000	20000
-KWT COMPUTER	0.144	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD POULTRY	0.230	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.063	---	---	---	---	---
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.046	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-A.G. INV.GROP.	0.028	---	---	---	---	---
-FIRST GULF BK	0.850	---	---	---	---	---
-BHN.KUM.GROP	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF MEDICAL.	0.034	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-GULF INTL INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-ARAB INT CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF UNION INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-R.K.WHITE CNNT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-KUJAN CEMENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FUJAJAH CEMENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
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Anukul outclasses opponents to take Al Khandari Open bowling title

By Sonny Mariano

AFTER his recent victory in the PBAK monthly seeded tournament, Anukul Sae-Tang-Nuk of Thailand continued his mastery of the 300 Club bowling lanes as he again emerged champion in the just concluded 1st Yacoub Al Khandari Open bowling tournament.

On his way to the step ladder finals, Anukul topped the 3 game series elimination round with an unbeatable score of 619 pinfalls. His single game score of 239 PF also stood as the high game of the tournament.

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Newcomer Caloy Abesamis continued to surprise everybody with his improvement as he came in second position with 578. Just a single pin behind was Jesus Ventus (577) followed closely by Edwin Nepomuceno (576).

After the elimination round, the top four bowlers advanced to the next stage, the step-ladder finals. The first match between JVC and Edwin Nepomuceno was close all the way to last frame but JVC was able to edge Edwin (191-183) to advance one step higher. With sheer determination JVC

again eked out a cliff-hanger win over Caloy Abesamis (178-173) which in turn gave him all the chance to stop the spicy hot Anukul.

The championship match between Nuk and JVC was a two-game series with the bowler with a higher total pinfalls in two games emerging as the champion. The first game saw the protagonist literally burned the lanes as strikers came pouring in. It was however Nuk who took the better end of the deal when he scored 227 to JVC's 214. In the second game, Nuk proved to be unstoppable as he again upended the struggling JVC who scored 164 against Nuk's 191. The final tally was 418 for Nuk and 378 for JVC. With Nuk's string of victories the other Thai members of PBAK can now boast of true champion on their side.

In the women's division, Nitz Alinea who was in third position swept through all her rivals to capture the title. First she dealt Bojo Hamdan a stinging defeat (225-159) before beating Baby Penolosa (245-168) and in the final match Nitz outscored Cora Paras (377-353) to bag the championship trophy and the prize that goes with it.

PBAK director Bennie Guismoy was the tournament chairman assisted by Sonny R. Mariano. Meanwhile, another tournament, the Yacoub Al Khandari Couples Tournament was also completed yesterday at the 300 Club bowling lanes.

Unlike the previous couples tournament which are mainly fun games, this one was more competitive as each bowler have to play their own game and their combined score will be taken as their score in each game. All the fun of past couples tournament may not be present with this one but another attraction have more than

compensated for it, and it was the last game of this 3 game series tournament which put it in the same level as the previous one when it comes to excitement.

The first two games were played just like any other game but the third and last game was played minus the lights along the lanes except the one lighting the pins. It made it harder, if not impossible, for the players to see their markers and most of all it gave the game a touch of romanticism.

After the last light was turned on the husband and wife team of Ryan and Amy Abdon came out the winners with their 3

game total of 1108 followed by Pete and Cecille with 1105. In the third spot were Vic and Cora (1091) and in fourth were Tony and Malou with 1081.

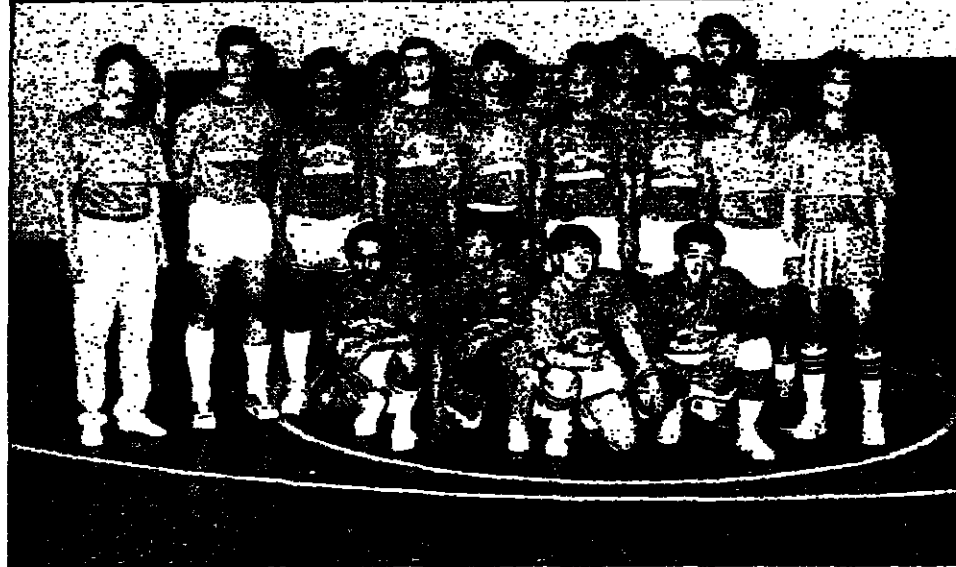
Ryan and Amy also got for themselves the high game honours with their combined single game score of 435.

PBAK director Vic Paras and PBAK EVP Cora Paras were the tournament directors.

PBAK wishes to thank Yacoub Al Khandari for his full fledged support of PBAK's activities and the same goes to all the members and participants.



The participants at the bowling tournaments.



Green Shirts: The Pizza Italia champions



SAS darts team: Palaro champions

Policarpio finishes in top place

By William Reyes

FERNANDO POLICARPIO won the individual title at the Palarong Pilipino Chess Tournament on Friday while Kabayan (1) formally laid claim to the team trophy.

Newcomer to the chess scene, Policarpio emerged undefeated in the Swiss system tourney. The soft-spoken Policarpio held off more experienced opponents, including veteran Rene Mostreles whom he beat in the penultimate round. He also drew his final game against Ted Lagmay.

Mostreles was able to salvage second place after stopping Charlie Iral in 58 moves and afterwards broke a two-way tie with Lagmay for the runner-up position, due to more victories.

Lagmay ended the tournament in third place while Iral was fourth. Jess Betgenen beat Bernard de los Reyes in only 28 moves to take the last berth.

Kabayan (1) beat Kalexico in their last match to finish on 26.5 points. Sister team Kabayan (2) thrashed Hatid-Ligaya 4-0 to collect 22 points and finish second. Third were RIC, who beat Alghanim 3.5-0.5 in their last match to accumulate 19.5 points.

For top board honours, Kabayan (1) claimed three boards. Amansec of Kabayan (2) took the fourth board while Cortado, Moje and Pagduan were best on the other three boards.

Jojo wins in table tennis

JOJO RAFAEL of Alghanim Industries won the Palarong Pilipino '89 Table Tennis Championship at the Keifan Gym on Friday.

Dante Almuendras of Los Compadres finished the tournament in second place while Jun Barrios of Alghanim Industries took the third spot.

In the double event, Alghanim Industries took the top position while Los Compadres finished runners-up.

Ben Barawa was the chairman of the table tennis committee while Ben Zabala was the vice-chairman.

SAS capture crown

By Filino Bautista

THE SAS darts team, riding high on the services of Roland Sunga, Mike Verga, Rolly Fernandez and Voe Reyes, thrashed Kirby 7-0 in their last match to clinch the title after finishing with a maximum of 14 points in the Kapilku-sponsored Palarong Pilipino '89 darts tournament.

The loss gave Kirby only four points in the event and a fourth place in the overall standings.

EEL/Kamish took second place by beating Mabuhay in a tie-breaking match. Although Mabuhay had a 9-8 card over EEL before the last match, they went down 4-3.

The victory earned EEL a tie-breaking match as the overall scores were now tied 12-12. The tie-breaker proved too much for Mabuhay. EEL/Kamish, composed of Lito Aguado, Tito Atento, Jun Valencia, Domeng Pacia and Alfredo shattered Mabuhay hopes by posting a 4-1 win.

By Gil Bangalan

THE Pizza Italia "All Star Exhibition Game" took centre stage last Friday as the top 32 players from the participating teams dazzled the full-packed gym with their heads-up, no-nonsense play.

The Green Shirts, mentored by Danny Caoili of EEI-Kamish, showed more sting as they put up effective defence against the Red Shirts. Early in the first quarter the Greens rose to a formidable lead, 45-31, but the Reds came back in the second quarter to limit the Green to only 19 points.

Undaunted by the Red's rally, the Greens retaliated with fury in the 3rd quarter behind Tuadles' court generalship, with firepower ably provided by Juan and Pizarro. The Greens scored 34 points against the Reds 24 points, placing themselves in a very comfortable position.

The Reds were determined not to give up that easily as they broke loose a series of fastbreaks in the last quarter that showed them whittle down Green's lead, with Atienza putting in 15 consecutive points for the Reds. Time ran out for the Reds, however, and the jubilant Greens brought home the trophy. Final score was 121-106.

Individual scores: Green Shirts — Tuadles 30, Barcelona 19, Dingson 16, Sakda 16, Juan 14, Pizarro 10, Lugo 6, Alojado 6, Morales 2, Twozars 1.

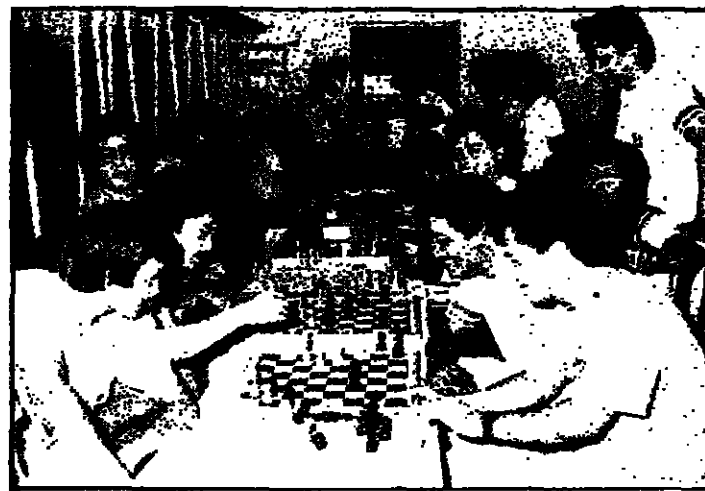
Red Shirts — Reyes 23, Atienza 16, Vargas 13, Zalavarría 13, Arganosa 10, Babierra 10, Bolito 5, Jose 6, Calaycay 4, Macatangay 3, Arnan 2, Panotes 1.

In the "Ladies One-On-One" competition, Parocha of Hatid Ligaya carried the day as she brushed off the challenges from Magnolia's Bing and Durrani's Baltar. Parocha was crowned queen of the basket and received her medal and prizes from Pizza Italia.

Magnolia's Enteng San Buenaventura outscored Pizza Italia's Pantulgo in their tie-breaking shots for the championship's title in the "3-points Area Shooting Contest." Earlier in their first 25 attempts, both players scored an identical 13 shots.

In the ensuing play-off with each given 25 seconds to complete 5 attempts, Pantulgo managed to sink in only one shot, which San Buenaventura easily upped by making his second and winning shot in his third attempt. In third place was Jose of Soft Rock Cafe, followed by Alojado of Pizza Italia in 4th place, while Calaycay of Magnolia settled for 5th place.

Chawky Barakat, manager of



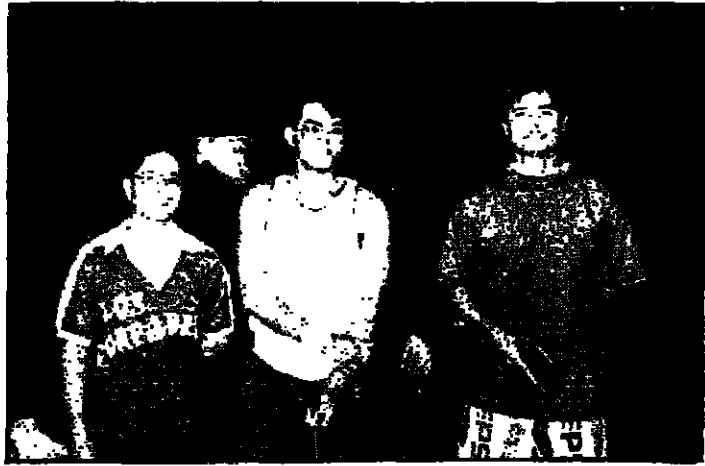
Chess players in action.



Al Khandari opens the bowling tourney.

Pizza Italia, commended the Filipino community for their enthusiasm and camaraderie and expressed his appreciation to the Kapilku for their co-operation and assistance in allowing the "All-Star Games" to be staged. Gracing the festive occasion, likewise, was the Philippine Charge D'Affaires Consul Olivia Palala.

Consul Palala, assisted by Barakat of Pizza and Kapilku president Manny Inserto, gave the medals and trophies and other prizes to all the participating players and winners. Pizza Italia also awarded "Achievement Plaques" to Danny Caoili and Lito Izon, respective coaches of the Greens and Reds. The



Jojo (right), Jun (centre) and Almuendras after the table tennis matches.



San Buenaventura (left): men's champion



Maradona



The Kabayan chess squad.



The Hatid Ligaya karate squad with ituralde on the extreme right.

sank in her 3 points in the last minute to seal her team's win over arch-rival Hatid Ligaya. Top scorer for Hatid Ligaya were Perez — 14 points, Parocha — 12 points, and Diezno — 6 points.

In the other game, Durrani opted out in a goodwill gesture as their team has been depleted due to some players' going on vacation outside Kuwait. Dollarco Exchange and Hatid Ligaya played last Friday, with Dollarco edging out Hatid Ligaya, 85-84. Dollarco thus gained entry into the next round.

In Group B, KPBC refused to budge from their stance, inspite of



Tuadles (right) receives a prize from Barakat while Manny looks on.



Parocha (left): ladies' champion

the other teams' conciliation with the committee's action. Magnolia 1st Cream and EEI-Kamish Al Aryan therefore were considered qualified for the next round. Eight teams as originally planned and agreed were qualified for the next round. These are: Al Rashid Supermarket, Dollarco Exchange, Magnolia 1st Cream, EEI-Kamish Al Aryan, Woodgroup Engineering, Pampanga, SAS Hotel and Regency Palace.

A last minute manoeuvre by KPBC, in a last ditch attempt to disrupt the Palaro, resulted in Al Rashid and Pampanga bowing to KPBC's tactics, and withdrew from the competition. Both teams' representatives however explained that the players were willing to play, but said to say KPBC convinced their team managers not to resume participation.

The competitions will resume with 6 teams playing a single round robin series among them. The tournament committee is expected to go over the salient features and refinements of the rules during the scheduled games on Friday, July 28, 1989.

Schedule of games, Friday July 28, 1989: 9:30 Regency Palace vs Dollarco Exchange, 11:15 SAS Hotel vs Magnolia 1st Cream, 1:00 EEI-Kamish Al Aryan vs Woodgroup Engineering, 3:00 VL Hatid Ligaya vs Al Rashid Freight, 4:00 VL Durrani Exch. vs FCC Shell.

(Photos by Ahmed Barouni)

In the final game match, Maradona started like a house on fire with his 247 which gave him a comfortable advantage over Beda who could only manage a 165. In the second game Beda tried to catch up but Lando Maradona went on to win. The final score for the 2 game championship match was 394-347.

Joesel shows his class

JOESEL ITURALDE, a Sikaran practitioner, won the championship trophy for the brown belt holders at the Kapilku-sponsored Palarong Pilipino Sikaran-Karate Kata Tournament on Friday.

Joesel displayed his excellent art form, delivery, stances and technique to outperform all the other competitors for the top prize. Joesel also showed a difficult floor technique and high thrust kick to win over the judges.

Fernando Reyes, not to be outdone, took the first runner-up position with an outstanding delivery in kicks and blocks. Brendo Rivera, who performed

Kata No. 5 finished second runner-up.

The last set of the kata tournament for the black belt holders will be held on Friday, July 28. Bayani Trinidad, Crispin Officer, Emmanuel Gorgonia and June Pine are among the contestants for the top prize.

All interested in taking part in this event should present themselves at the Kheifan Gym on Friday at 10:00 am for registration. The entry fee is KD5.

The tournament is being sponsored by Hatid-Ligaya-Abughosh International (Philippines door to door service). The judges in the brown belt competition were Kapilku president Manny Inserto and Tommy Ibarolast.



Mabuhay darts team



Dollarco, who beat Hatid Ligaya.

Canterbury hand Pumas third defeat of tour

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, July 22, (Reuters): Argentina suffered the third defeat of their New Zealand tour today and were dismissed as a Second Division power by the opposition coach when Canterbury outwitted them to win 33-16.

In a scrappy match on a muddy pitch, the Argentine Pumas did not disgrace themselves, putting in a strong forward performance. Scrum half Fabio Gomez

scored three tries.

But Canterbury's backs were more enterprising, taking more risks and reaping the reward of four tries. Former All Black full-back Robbie Deans contributed 21 points.

Argentina arrived at Christchurch buoyed by a midweek win over the Hanan Shield Districts which at least partly erased the memory of their 60-9 thrashing last

Saturday by the All Blacks.

But Canterbury proved a far sterner test for Argentine coach Rodolfo O'Reilly's experimental line-up.

Canterbury coach Frank Jack had harsh words for the Pumas after the match, saying they belonged to international rugby's Second Division along with Canada, Italy and Japan.

Even if he had an open chequebook he

would not want a single Argentine for his team, he added.

O'Reilly refused to comment on Jack's remarks, repeating only what he had said after the disastrous first Test: "If we were to play them 10 times, we would lose 10 times."

Gomez, who missed the first Test, indicated his return to the Pumas side with his three tries.

Yastrzemski and Bench earn place among elite

COOPERSTOWN, New York, July 22, (AP): Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski share a memorable World Series, a dream and now a place in the Hall of Fame.

Bench, one of the greatest catchers of all time, and Yastrzemski, the only American Leaguer to have 3,000 hits and 400-plus homers, will be officially inducted into the hall tomorrow.

Bench and Yastrzemski will be joined by former umpire Al Barlick and second baseman Red Schoendienst, who were elected by the veterans committee.

Also entering the hall are broadcaster Harry Caray and sportswriters Bob Hunter and Ray Kelly.

The election of Bench and Yastrzemski was no surprise, but the size of their mandate was.

In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame, a player must be named on 75 per cent of the ballots cast. Of the record 447 ballots this year, Bench got 96.4 per cent and Yastrzemski 94.6.

Only Ty Cobb, 98.2 per cent, and Hank Aaron, 97.8, received higher percentages than Bench. Yastrzemski's percentage was the seventh-highest ever after Honus Wagner, 95.13; Babe Ruth, 95.13; and Willie Mays, 94.67.

Bench, with 431 votes, and Yastrzemski, with 423, also set a record for number of votes received. Mays had the previous mark for most votes, with 409 in 1979.

"I've come full circle," Bench said. "I watched Mays when I was four years old and then found I made it while sitting under Mickey Mantle's picture at his restaurant. I even got a Mickey Mantle jacket."

"It's a thrill. It's the culmination of many years of hard work. It's something, as a player, you don't think about, but you dream about," Yastrzemski said.

The election of Bench and Yastrzemski is only the third time since 1936 that two players have been elected in their first year of eligibility. In 1962, Jackie Robinson and Bob Feller were chosen, and in 1982, Aaron and Frank Robinson made it.

In 1975, the Red Sox and Reds met in the World Series with Cincinnati winning in seven games. Yastrzemski hit .310 in the series and Bench drove in four runs.

"That will be one of the most memorable series of all time," Bench said. "And I think you'll see a few guys who played in that series make it into the Hall of Fame."

Yaz, who had a career 3,419 hits and 432 home runs, was named an All-star team, won six Gold Gloves as Boston's left fielder and won the American League Most Valuable Player award in 1967, when he won the triple crown and led Boston to the pennant.

He also holds League records for most international walks, 190; most at-bats, 11,988; most plate appearances, 13,990; and most games, 3,308. Yaz reached base via a hit or a walk 5,264 times in his career, ranking third behind Pete Rose, 5,822, and Cobb, 5,440.

"I accomplished something no one else has ever done," Yastrzemski said of reaching the 3,000 hit-400 homer plateau. "I'm very pleased and very proud of my accomplishments but I'm most proud of that."

While Yaz had to work hard to become a star, Bench seemed born for fame.

During spring training in 1969, Williams autographed a baseball for Bench with the inscription: "To a Hall of Famer, for sure."

"I didn't even know that Ted Williams had ever seen me play," said Bench, who was NL Rookie of the Year in 1968. "I remember thinking, 'are you sure you mean me?'"

For Ted Williams to even know who I was, that was a helluva deal."

Bench was selected the NL's starting catcher for the 1969 All-star game at the age of 22. He holds the record for most homers by a catcher, 327. Overall, Bench hit 389 home runs and won the Gold Glove as a catcher 10 times while helping the Reds win four pennants and the World Series in 1975 and 1976.

"I'm most proud of my combination of offense, defense, power, RBIs, the leadership — the overall ability," Bench said. Bench played in four World Series, batting .279 with five homers and 14 RBIs. He appeared in 11 All-star games, hitting .370 with three home runs.

S. Korea beat Netherlands

OTTAWA, July 22, (AP): Eun Jung Chang scored twice yesterday to help South Korea to a 3-1 win over the Netherlands at the Women's Field Hockey Junior World Cup.

Chang, a member of her country's silver medal team at the Seoul Olympics, is the leading scorer of the tournament with eight goals.

Teammate Mun Young Koo added a goal in the second half. Mikeltine Wouters netted the goal for the Netherlands at 70 minutes.

Korea leads the tournament's Pool B.

Mets outlast Braves

Darling feels the speed of rival's fastball

NEW YORK, July 22, (AP): New York Mets' Ron Darling felt the speed of his rival's fastball last night when the pitcher was hit on the head with a pitch that left him semi-motionless in the dirt.

"I was dizzy," Darling said after the game in which the New York Mets' pitcher was hit on the helmet in the second inning by one of three wild pitches thrown by Atlanta's Marty Clark.

Clark's wild pitches led to two runs, as the Braves surrendered to the Mets 6-4.

Said Clark: "I never expected to be that erratic."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Houston 4, Philadelphia 2; Montreal 3, Cincinnati 1; St. Louis 5, San Diego 0, and San Francisco 4, Chicago 3. Pittsburgh and Los Angeles split a doubleheader. The Pirates won the opener 4-1 and the Dodgers the night cap 7-3.

Astros 4, Phillies 2

Houston Astros' Mike Scott, recovering from a pulled hamstring, became the first 15-game winner in the Major Leagues.

Scott, 15-5, had not pitched since July 9 when he pulled his left hamstring in a game against Montreal. He allowed five hits in seven innings. Dave Smith, the third Houston pitcher, worked the ninth for his 20th save in 21 opportunities.

Expos 3, Reds 1

Montreal Expos Kevin Gross spoiled Tim Lincecum's debut for Cincinnati by winning for the first time in nearly a month, handing the Reds their sixth straight defeat.

Gross, 8-8, allowed six hits in seven innings, struck out seven and walked one. Tim Burke pitched the last two innings for his 21st save in 26 opportunities.

Cardinals 5, Padres 0

Jose DeLeon snapped a personal six-game losing streak and Jose Oquendo extended the longest hitting streak in the majors this season to 19 games.

Milt Thompson supplied the necessary offense with a two-run triple of Dennis Rasmussen, 4-7, that ignited a three-run fifth as



Ron Darling: hit on the head

the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres for the eighth time in 10 games.

Giants 4, Cubs 3

A two-run single by Pat Sheridan capped a four-run third inning as San Francisco Giants won for the sixth time in seven games.

Kevin Mitchell, the Major League's home run and RBI leader, making his first start after missing four games with back trouble, also singled against Chicago Cubs' Rick Sutcliffe, 10-8, to drive in his 85th run.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 1

Dodgers 7, Pirates 3

Fernando Valenzuela overcame early wildness that included four walks in one inning to pitch the Los Angeles Dodgers to a split of its doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Valenzuela, 5-9, walked four batters in the

second, but did not allow a run because Barry Bonds was caught stealing. Valenzuela checked the pirates on four hits over seven innings and Jay Howell picked up his 18th save in 20 opportunities.

In the opener, Pirate John Smiley, 8-5, pitched a five-hitter and hit a tainted two-out, three-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning. With the score tied 1-1, newly acquired Kai Daniels fell down on a routine fly to left, allowing all three runners to score.

The Oakland Athletics and the California Angels each rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning last night for victories that kept them in a virtual tie for first place in the American League West.

The Athletics got four walks, a wild pitch and Rickie Henderson's single one-out single in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2.

The Angels used Wally Joyner's two-run homer with no outs to defeat the Detroit Tigers 8-7 and stay five percentage points ahead of Oakland.

In other games, Chicago beat Boston 1-0, Milwaukee defeated Minnesota 5-3, Kansas City Cleveland 6-1, Texas stopped New York 5-2 and Toronto topped Seattle 8-1.

Angels 8, Tigers 7

The California Angels won the see-saw game, tying it with two runs in the eighth inning and winning with two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Dick Schofield and Claudell Washington hit RBI singles in the eighth that made it 6-4, and Lou Whitaker's 20th home run put Detroit ahead in the top of the ninth.

Royals 6, Indians 1

Despite losing George Brett, the injury-plagued Kansas City Royals beat the Cleveland Indians and improved its home record to 33-13, the best in the majors.

Brett left the game in the fifth inning because of strained tendons in his right knee. It is not known how long he will be out. Pat Tabler, Jim Eisenreich, Danny Tartabull and Kurt Stillwell are all still sidelined by various injuries.

Reagan opens US festival

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 22, (UPI): Former president Ronald Reagan opened the ninth US Olympic Festival last night, telling 3,500 of America's leading young athletes they "represent what is good about America."

Reagan's speech to the athletes was delivered on a mild, cloudless evening during opening ceremonies patterned after those which kick off the Olympics every four years.

A festival record crowd of 76,014 — the largest throng in the stadium's history — filled the University of Oklahoma's Owen Field to be entertained by a patriotic extravaganza featuring country music, fireworks, lasers, skydivers and the traditional trappings that are synonymous with the Olympics.

The athletes representing every corner of the nation marched into the huge arena and watched as Olympic triple gold medal winner Florence Griffith-

Joyner delivered the festival torch.

"This is my way of saying thank you for all the support everyone has given me during my career," Griffith-Joyner said shortly before she bore the torch into the stadium. "The festival (in which she first competed in 1981) was important to me during my career because it helped me focus on what I was trying to do."

Olympic gold medal winning wrestler John Smith, a native of Oklahoma, carried the torch to the top of a futuristic looking tower constructed in the middle of the stadium and there ignited a large cauldron.

The ceremony was a prelude to the competition itself, which began today in 19 of the 37 sports that will be contested during the festival.

"We are proud that this day has finally come," said Clay Bennett, the festival's executive

director. "This event has given our community and state a tremendous morale boost. These have been difficult (economic) times for us."

Reagan, introduced by entertainer Bob Hope, began his day by being inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He was then helicoptered the 20 miles (32 km) to the suburb of Norman, where a traffic jam worthy of an Oklahoma Sooners football game clogged the small roads leading to the stadium.

With the athletes dressed in red, green, silver and blue warm-up jerseys filling the field, Reagan told them:

"This festival is a coming out party of young people who will represent the United States in the 1992 Games. Tomorrow, you take the first step to Alibonville and Barcelona. You represent all that is good about our country."

Webb fee set for transfer

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 22, (Reuters): Manchester United must pay Nottingham Forest £1.5 million (\$2.4 million) for England soccer international Neil Webb, the English League transfer tribunal ruled yesterday.

The transfer was agreed in June but the tribunal had to rule on the price of the midfielder rated at £2.2 million (\$3.5 million) by Forest and £900,000 (\$1.4 million) by United.

The valuation for midfielder Webb, who has 15 England caps, set a record by the tribunal, eclipsing the £925,000 (\$1.48 million) Everton were ordered to pay Chelsea for Scottish winger Pat Nevin a year ago.



Rapid triumph

Fortoft Janage (centre) of Rapid Vienna heads the ball during a match against St. Polten in Vienna, Austria, on Friday. Rapid won 3-0. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mirandinha and Renato to return to S. America

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 22, (Reuters): Brazilian soccer stars Mirandinha of England's Newcastle and Renato of Italy's Roma are returning to South America and their old clubs.

Renato has re-signed for Flamengo of Rio while Sao Paulo's Palmeiras have signed Mirandinha on loan, officials of the two clubs said yesterday.

Renato, who was sold to Roma a year ago, is returning

after an unsuccessful season in Italy where he spent most of his time watching from the bench.

Renato said that according to his contract, he was owed more the \$800,000 by Roma but had decided to rejoin Flamengo even though he would lose money.

Flamengo's vice-president Josef Berenzstein said a verbal agreement had been reached with the Italian club but failed to elaborate.

Marseille win

LYON, France, July 22, (Reuters): French First Division soccer champions Marseille ran riot against Lyon yesterday, launching the 1989-90 season with a 4-1 win.

Captain Jean-Pierre Papin, last season's top marksman, Franck Sauzeau and Patrice Evraud all scored in the first 15 minutes.

New Brazilian signing Carlos Mozer, signed from Portugal's Benfica for more than \$3 million, completed the scoring with a spectacular flying header in the 52nd minute.

Cook slams successive unbeaten tons to make history

LONDON, July 22, (Reuters): Somerset's South African opener Jimmy Cook became yesterday only the second batsman ever to carry his bat in both innings while scoring two centuries.

Cook, who scored 120 not out in the first innings, finished on 131 yesterday as Somerset slumped to 218 all out and a defeat at the hands of Nottinghamshire by an innings and 67 runs.

The only other instance of a batsman scoring two hundreds while carrying his bat is C.J.B. Wood, who scored 107 and 117 for Leicestershire against Yorkshire in 1911.

Cook batted for 293 minutes and hit 15 boundaries, sharing an opening partnership of 127 with Peter Roebuck (50).

West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson and left-arm

spinner Andy Afford did the damage for Nottinghamshire with four 60 and five for 90 respectively.

Worcestershire completed a 36-run win over Lancashire thanks to England strike bowler Graham Dilley who took five for 94 to finish with match figures of 10 for 124.

Lancashire, chasing 266 to win, started the day well placed at 160 for two but were soon in trouble with Graeme Hick snapping up four successive slip catches off Dilley and Ian Botham (three for 55).

Middlesex skipper Mike Gatting made a timely return to form as the visitors scraped home by three wickets against Yorkshire at Headingley.

Gatting produced a determined unbeaten 33 as Middlesex, chasing only 75 to win, were



Hugh Morris

reduced to one stage to 34 for seven.

Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris later announced his resignation, saying the pressure of



Graham Dilley

captaincy had adversely affected his batting and jeopardised his long-term goal of playing for

England.

Morris, at 25 the youngest captain, will be replaced by former Surrey opener Alan Butcher.

Results

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Glamorgan by an innings and 123 runs. Glamorgan 89 in 39.2 overs and 171 (A. Dale 44, V. Greene six for 101). Gloucestershire 383 for nine declared in 127.3 overs. Gloucestershire 23 points, Glamorgan three.

At Old Trafford: Worcestershire beat Lancashire by 36 runs. Worcestershire 191 in 67.3 overs and 199. Lancashire 125 in 40.2 overs and 229 (M. Atherton 59, G. Dilley five for 94, I. Botham three for 55). Worcestershire 17 points, Lancashire four.

At Headingley: Middlesex beat Yorkshire by three wickets. Yorkshire 179 in 60 overs and

189 (A. Metcalfe 81, A. Fraser five for 47), Middlesex 194 in 103.1 overs and 75 for seven (A. Sidebottom four for 32, P. Jarvis three for 29). Yorkshire four points, Middlesex 23.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Somerset by an innings and 67 runs. Somerset 186 in 67.3 overs and 218 (J. Cook 131 not out, P. Roebuck 50, J. Afford five for 90, F. Stephenson four for 60). Nottinghamshire 471 for seven-declared in 133.1 overs. Nottinghamshire 24 points, Somerset two.

At Leicester: match drawn. Northamptonshire 198 in 69.4 overs and 312 for seven declared (G. Cook 105, D. Capel 77, R. Bailey 52, N. Stanley 43). Leicestershire 300 in 114.3 overs and 206 for seven (D. Gower 91). Leicestershire six points, Northamptonshire three.



Argentine President Carlos Menem (right) and Diego Maradona pose for photographers before the start of the match. (Reuters wirephoto)

President plays 90-min match

Menem and Maradona shine in charity game

BUENOS AIRES, July 22, (UPI): A sweating, puffing, President Carlos Menem played a full 90-minute soccer game last night with the Argentine national team in a charity game before 50,000 cheering fans.

His team won 1-0.

"We are all Peronists," yelled the crowd along with other political chants favouring Menem's Peronist Party as the 59-year-old President made good his promise to play the full game.

Menem played on the 'blue and white' national selection along with superstar Diego Maradona, who made the only goal of the game in a free kick from outside the box at 72 minutes.

The game raised \$18,000 for charity.

It was the first time an Argentine president had played a full soccer game, televised, before a money-paying crowd.

Menem got a thunderous applause when he ran onto the field with the blue and white national team uniform, and, every time he touched the ball in a slow paced game, he got cheers and clapping.

The opponents were the 'blue team,' another national selection. After five minutes of play, one young man with a leather jacket and rolled up poster ran onto the field and embraced the startled Menem in a bear hug, and then ran off the field.

Professional play is South America is usually rough with heavy fouling.

This one was more gentlemanly, especially the first half, when fouling was virtually non-existent.

Menem's opponents avoided the President throughout the game for the most part. The President was knocked to the ground in the second half when he collided with another player while charging the ball, and Menem was awarded a free kick.

He also got a free kick the first half, also on the gentlest of tackles. "No, I don't feel tired at all," he heavily perspiring, panting, smiling President said after the first half.

"It's easy to play with champions," he said as newsmen surrounded him.

In his finest moment, Menem threatened the Blue team's goal in the first half. He executed two short passes in the penalty area to loud applause but the Argentine national squad failed to convert.

The state-run television network replayed that scene four times. The crowd whistled and cheered occasionally when the game slowed in the first half.

"Menem, get moving," went one cheer. The Argentine chief of state attempted a free kick from outside the box at 20 minutes that was no problem at all for goalie Hugo Gatti to catch.

The 59-year-old Menem, who also pilots planes and races cars, in a radio interview yesterday morning said sports were his 'weakness.' His exertions and risks have raised questions about his personal security.

"Nobody dies before their time has come," Menem said in the interview. "Nobody can eradicate my lifestyle."

Velez Sarsfield stadium, which holds 50,000 persons, was packed to near capacity.

Menem played at midfield with the number 5 shirt, and trotted around the field at a noticeably slower pace than the professionals.

Winner of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, the Argentine national team is the professional world champion.

Soccer is by far Argentina's most popular sport, and Menem and other politicians from time to time have been photographed playing the game in shorts while on the campaign trail.

Fittipaldi fastest in Indy race practice

TORONTO, July 22, (AP): Emerson Fittipaldi took a big step toward his second straight pole position, breaking the track record yesterday while leading provisional qualifying for the Molson-Indy race.

The Brazilian, who won the Indianapolis 500, turned a fast lap of 106.570 miles per hour (171.664 kilometres per hour) on the 1.78-mile (2.86-kilometre), 11-turn temporary circuit.

That easily bettered the previous mark of 106.314 (171.091 kilometres per hour) set a year ago by Danny Sullivan.

Fittipaldi, who won here in 1987, holds a big lead in the CART-PPG season standings, 130-92 over Rick Mears, after winning four of the last six Indy-car races and finishing second to Bobby Rahal last Sunday at the New Jersey Meadowlands.

He can add to that lead by one point if he can nail down the pole position today in the second and final session of qualifying for tomorrow's race.

Fittipaldi ran into a problem late in the session when a footrest near his clutch pedal broke off and was dangling in the footbox. "It was just after my fast lap and I was afraid my foot would get caught in something and cause a problem, so I came in."

That brought Fittipaldi into the pits a bit early, but nobody was able to take advantage of the situation.

Michael Andretti, who has won two pole positions this season but is having trouble finishing races, was second yesterday at 106.316 (171.094), which was also a bit faster than Sullivan's record.

Both Fittipaldi and Andretti forecast quicker speeds today.

Fittipaldi said, "We had a very good set-up out of the box. The car was well balanced all around the track and I love this track. But there's still some areas where I should improve."

"I was sort of surprised at my time," Andretti said. "The car doesn't feel like a second-place car at the moment. There's definitely more to be gained."

"Even on my fast lap today I made a mistake. The throttle was sticking a little bit and I managed to miss a gear. That cost me a few tenths (of a second)."

Italian driver Teo Fabi was third at 106.175 (170.867 kilometres per hour), followed by Mario Andretti, Michael's father and teammate, at 106.068 (170.695), and Mears, who has won two races this season, at 106.047 (170.661).

Rounding out the top 10 yesterday were Rahal at 105.391 (169.606); defending Toronto champion Al Unser Jr at 104.248 (167.766); Sullivan at 105.154 (169.224); Arie Luyendyk of the Netherlands at 104.501 (168.173); and Scott Pruett at 104.129 (167.575).

SPORTS

Tyson retains title in 93 secs

Referee stops fight in first round

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 22. (Reuters) Mike Tyson dropped Carl "The Truth" Williams with a left hook to the head in the first round last night to retain his undisputed heavyweight title when the referee stopped the fight at one minute and 33 seconds of the round.

Williams got up at the count of six and appeared to be shaky but capable of continuing. However, referee Randy Neumann, a former heavyweight contender, moved in and stopped the scheduled 12-round fight.

"The first thing a fighter who is knocked down does is try to convince the referee that he's in good shape," Neumann said. "He couldn't answer me and his hands were dead."

Williams appeared shocked when Neumann stopped the fight.

"I wasn't knocked out. He knocked me down," Williams said immediately afterward. "I think it was an inexperienced referee."

Tyson's first-round victory was just two seconds slower than the 91 seconds he used to destroy Michael Spinks in June 1988.

But Spinks was obviously fini-



Tyson flashes the \$100,000 bonus he got from King. (Reuters wirephoto)

shed that night in the same Atlantic City Convention Centre. Williams appeared to have more fight in him.

Tyson earned about \$4 million and Williams \$1.3 million for their quick night, which brought some boos from the crowd of slightly over 11,000.

The Convention Centre can hold about 20,000, but it was scaled down to only an 11,000

capacity. Just a day before the fight many tickets were unsold.

One fan, George Andrews of Boston was upset. "They ought to kill the referee (for stopping the fight)," he said. "I paid \$250."

Williams, in white trunks with red trim, rushed into the centre of the ring at the start of the fight. The referee warned Williams very early for holding Tyson on

the back of the head and hitting him.

Williams was coming in and threw a jab missed, leaving his head open. Tyson lashed out with a thunderous left hook to the head that dumped Williams.

He got up at the count of six. "I wasn't even hurt," Williams said.

"He was leaning on the ropes," Neumann said. "I asked him a question. I said 'are you all right'. The first time I asked him there was no response and his eyes were blank."

"I asked him again, and we have 10 seconds to make this decision. I asked him again and again there was no response and he was concussed."

"Number one, I relieved him of the trauma of being hit again. Don't forget I've been in there a few times myself."

"In my judgment he couldn't answer a question verbally and his eyes told me he was in bad shape," Neumann said.

"After I stopped the fight, he said 'why are you stopping it?'" Neumann said. "That's a symptom for me — short-term memory loss."

"I think he (the referee) hit the

panic button tonight," said Williams' trainer, Carmen Graziano.

"It was a good shot, but I thought he was going to get up," Tyson said right after the fight. "I don't know, I didn't think it was that hard, (the punch)."

Tyson, who improved his record to 37-0, was asked if he had wanted the fight to last longer.

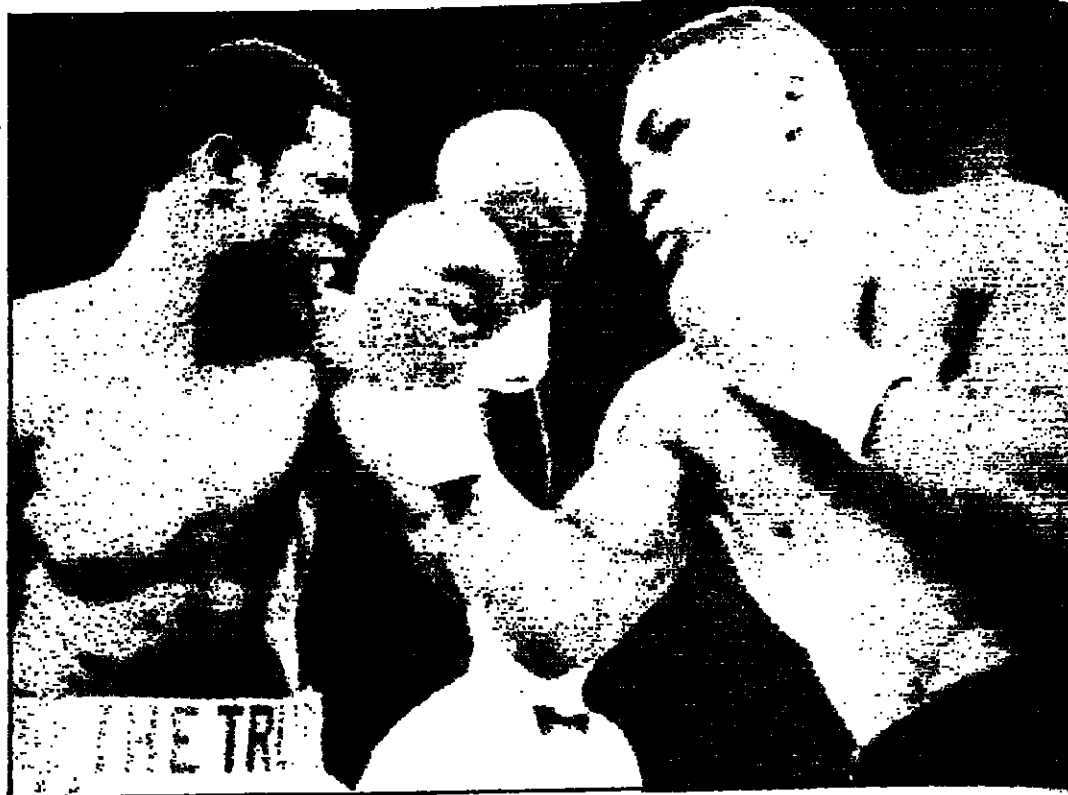
"I'm happy the way they come," the 23-year-old champion said.

Tyson, who had changed to a light green sweatshirt with his championship belt around him, was standing on the stage with money fanned out from both fists.

Tyson's adviser Don King told reporters that he had promised Tyson \$100,000 if he won by knockout yesterday.

Williams, 29, said Tyson "came over to me and said 'Carl I'm sorry man, but that's bull-shit'" in an apparent reference to the referee stopping the fight.

Graziano said that Williams, who is now 22-3, "fights better after he's been stunned and gets up."



Williams (left) and Tyson exchange blows. (Reuters wirephoto)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football festival

BOYS Own Club have announced that entries are now open for the 5th annual Seven-a-Side football festival, to be held on Oct 12 at the Al Sour grounds. For further information contact Joe D'Souza. Tel. 4813622/25 ext 147.

Byrum ahead

COAL VALLEY, Ill., July 22. (Reuters) Curt Byrum beat the rain and snatched a one-stroke lead after two rounds of a \$70,000 PGA Tour event yesterday with a three-under par 67.

\$50,000 missing

NAIROBI, Kenya, July 22. (AP) Nearly \$50,000 in appearance money earned by Kenyan runners and earmarked for the Kenyan Amateur Athletics Association cannot be located, according to a probe of the KAAA.

Knol triumphs

L'ISLE-D'ABEAU, France, July 22. (AP) Olympic champion Monique Knol of the Netherlands stopped Jeannie Longo's winning streak at five as she won the 10th stage of the women's Tour de France today. However, Longo holds an insurmountable lead with one stage left.

Next opponent

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 22. (UPI) Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran will fight for a third time in November, sources said yesterday. Leonard picked Duran over Thomas Hearns as his next opponent, in hopes of meeting Hearns again in the spring.

Iran triumph

NICOSIA, July 22. (Reuters) Iran beat China 3-2 (halftime 2-0) in their World Cup, East Asia Group Five soccer qualifier in Tehran today.

\$14,000 prize

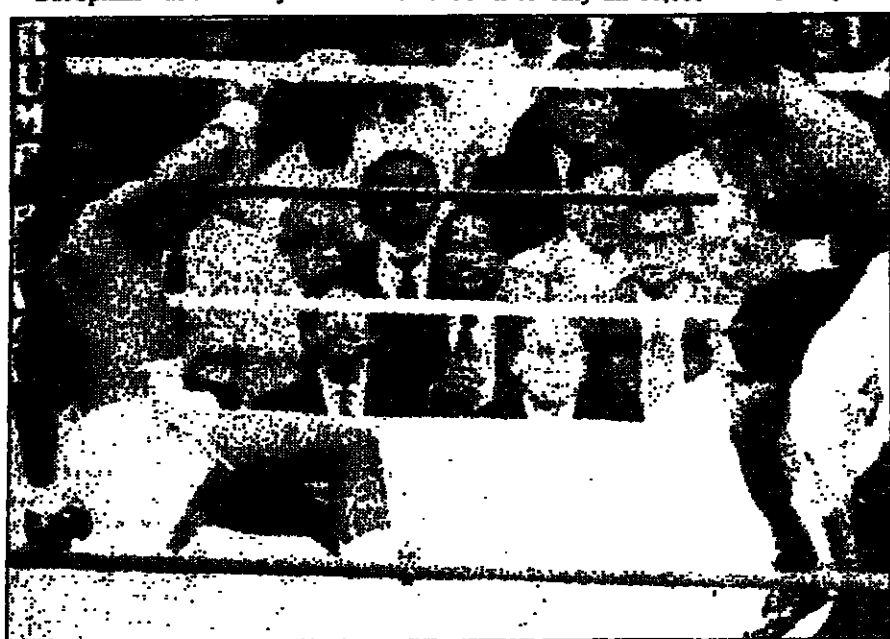
TURIN, Italy, July 22. (Reuters) Juventus goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi today offered a 30 million lire (\$14,000) prize to Italy's best-behaved soccer fan club next season.

Chess player

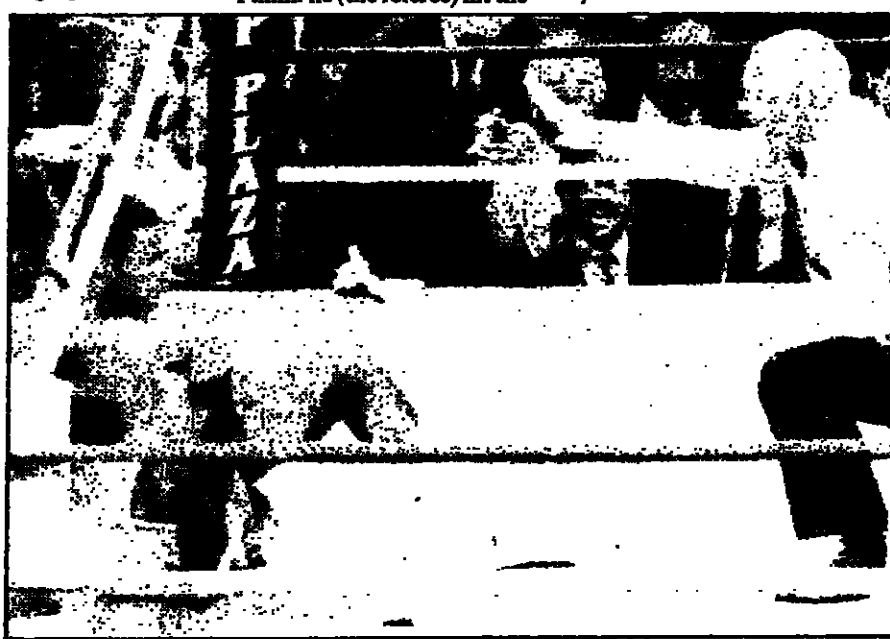
LONDON, July 22. (AP) Michael Adams, a 17-year-old British chess player, won an international competition in London yesterday and is expected to be the third youngest player in history to be awarded a grandmaster title, experts said.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's marathon game held on Friday.

1. Simon & Mukherjee and Tiab & Sherine
2. Aurora & Gajjar and Mrs Leila & Mohammed El Baz



Tyson (right) sends Williams to the canvas. (Reuters wirephoto)



Neumann (right) gives Williams the count. (Reuters wirephoto)

Shriver beats Hetherington for semifinals

NEWPORT, R.I., July 22. (Reuters) Second-seeded Pam Shriver overcame an inconsistent first serve to oust unseeded Jill Hetherington of Canada 6-4 3-6 6-1 yesterday and reach the semifinals of a women's tennis tournament in Newport.

Shriver, ranked 10th in the world, was to play South African Ros Fairbank in today's semifinals with top-seeded Zina Garrison opposing eighth-seeded Gigi Fernandez in the other match.

Fernandez used a big first serve and an aggressive net game to eliminate Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-3 6-3.

Garrison, ranked fifth in the world, defeated unseeded Michelle Jaggard of Australia 6-4 6-1 while Fairbank, ranked 30th, outlasted Hu Na of the United States 7-6 (7-1) 6-4.

"I've got some problems with the rhythm (of my serve)," Shriver said. "My serve looks worse than it is."

The American committed 11 double faults and served with a 48.8 per cent first-serve efficiency.

"I'm very determined on my serve," Shriver said. "I'd rather serve double faults than weak second serves — and I've been doing that a lot lately."

Shriver was good on just one of her first 11 first serves and was broken in the third game. But she broke Hetherington twice for the set.

Hetherington captured the second set when Shriver hit a backhand volley into the net, but was broken to open the third.

Four share lead in LPGA event

DANVERS, Mass., July 22. (Reuters) Penny Hammel, Amy Alcott, Cathy Marino and Shirley Furlong, finished in a four-way tie for the lead yesterday after the second round of the \$350,000 Boston Five Classic LPGA Golf Tournament.

All four reached the midway point of the event at eight-under-par 136, one ahead of Beth Daniel and two better than Cindy Rarick and Kathy Postlewait.

Marino amassed seven birdies in her round of 67 at the 6,008-yard Ferncroft Country Club, but spoiled her score with two bogys.

Grady stays ahead in British Open

TROON, Scotland, July 22. (Agencies) Wayne Grady of Australia edged ahead of American five-times champion Tom Watson with a birdie at the 16th to retain his lead in the British Open golf championship today.

Grady saved par three times late in his round with superb chipping and putting to lead Watson by a stroke after a flawless three round three-under-par 69 left him 12-under-par on 204.

Neither Grady, who plays full-time on the US Tour where he won the Westchester Classic in New York last month, nor Watson carded a bogey as the beautiful summer weather helped the field turn Royal Troon into a shooting gallery.

Watson, the 39-year-old sentimental favourite, returned a 68 to ease within sight of a sixth British Open triumph which would equal the record set in 1914 by Englishman Harry Vardon.

Watson won his previous titles between 1975 and 1983 and was the champion at the last Royal

Troon Open in 1982.

He finished the day on 205 with compatriot Payne Stewart producing a third round 69 to follow his course record 65 of yesterday for a 206 total and third spot.

There was a three-way tie for fourth place on nine under par between Americans Mark Calcavecchia and Fred Couples, who both had rounds of 68, and Briton David Feherty, who returned a 69 to spearhead the disappointing European challenge.

Grady, two shots ahead at the start of the day, parred the first nine holes before collecting birdies at the 10th and 11th.

At the short 14th, his tee shot found a bunker. He left his wedge shot 20 feet from the pin but holed the putt for par.

At the 16th, he hit a great chip from the edge of the green to within one foot of the hole for a birdie four and produced another superb effort at the short 17th after he missed the green to save yet another par.

Ken Green of the United

States was at 2-under, after a third-round 68, while another American, Mark O'Meara, and Australian David Graham both had 3-under 69s for 215 totals. American Bob Tway and 1985 British Open champion Sandy Lyle had 1-under rounds to bring them to 217, 1-over par for the tournament.

Even Jack Nicklaus, the 49-year-old "Golden Bear," had an impressive day. Out of contention for his fourth Open title, Nicklaus, nevertheless, shot a 1-under 71 to shoot even-par for the tournament.

While Americans occupied six of the top eight positions on the leader board of a tournament that no US golfer has won since 1983, Europeans — who have dominated this event and, indeed, all international golf in recent years — faltered.

Defending champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain saw his hopes of a second consecutive Open title all but evaporate, with a 4-over round of 76 for a 54-hole total of 221.

Sandy Lyle of Scotland, the

1985 Open champion, played his best golf of the tournament with a 1-under 71 but still was 1-over for three rounds. And Ian Woosnam of Wales, one of the pre-tournament favourites, finished at 73-219, then blasted tournament officials for trying to make the course too difficult.

"I think the pins are too severe, to stop the scoring. They don't want people shooting 65 again," he said. "Just take a look at the first hole. The flag is on a big mound. It's stupid."

Worst off was Bernhard Langer of West Germany. The former Masters champion, bothered by a fever and a balky putter, shot an 83 for a 54-hole total of 227, 11-over.

Meanwhile, a woman spectator was knocked unconscious by a ball at the British Open Golf championship yesterday with nobody certain who had struck it.

Anne Welsh, was taken to hospital where a spokesman said she had regained consciousness but would be detained overnight.

Argentina defeat Britain

Yugoslavia trim Sweden's Davis Cup lead

BASTAD, Sweden, July 22. (Reuters) Goran Ivanisevic and Goran Prpic kept alive Yugoslavia's hopes of making the Davis Cup final for the first time today when they won the doubles in their semifinal against Sweden.

The Yugoslavs, who both lost their opening singles yesterday, beat Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 to reduce Sweden's lead to 2-1.

After yesterday's excellent singles performances by Mats Wilander and Jonas Svensson, the Swedes were confident that Jarryd and Edberg, last year's Wimbledon singles champion, could easily dispose of Ivanisevic and Prpic, playing only their second doubles match together.

But Jarryd, the Wimbledon doubles champion with Australian John Fitzgerald, and Edberg, who opted out of the singles here because of slight ankle injury, soon found things were not going their way.

In Eastbourne, England, Martin Jaite defeated Chris Bailey in straight sets to give Argentina an



Becker returns a ball from Agassi. (Reuters wirephoto)

insurmountable 3-1 lead in its Davis Cup qualifying series with Britain, sending the Argentines back into the world group next year.

Jaite, ranked 40th in the world, seemed far more comfortable on the grass than in his Thursday

loss to Britain's Jeremy Bates as he scored a 7-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over the 187th-ranked Bailey.

Argentina, the first Latin American nation to participate in the Davis Cup in 1923, will rejoin the 16-nation world group in 1990 after two years in zonal

competition. Britain will remain in European zonal competition in 1990 for the third consecutive year.

Jaite threatened repeatedly to break Bailey's serve in the first set but had to settle for a 7-4 victory in the tiebreaker.

He had five break points in the 11th game of the set but failed to convert any of them, and then needed four sets points in the tiebreaker before wrapping up the set on a delicate backhand cross-court shot.

And in Munich, West Germany, Wimbledon champion Boris Becker continued a dramatic comeback from two sets down to beat Andre Agassi and put West Germany level 1-1 with the United States in their Davis Cup tennis semifinal today.

After battling back to two sets all before the match was suspended at midnight yesterday, the 21-year-old world number two took a total of four hours and 23 minutes to defeat the 19-year-old American 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-4.

But the 21-year-old West German needed to battle hard against a spirited Agassi in a see-saw 43-minute final set in front of a partisan 12,000-strong crowd.

After Brad Gilbert had given the Americans an early 1-0 lead with a 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Carl-Uwe Steeb in yesterday's first rubber, Becker's win was vital to West Germany's hopes of staying in the match.

Less than two weeks after his third Wimbledon triumph, the West German showed remarkable motivation and mental stamina in clawing his way back after losing the first sets in tie-breaks.

Both teams decided to take advantage of Davis Cup rules to stop the match at midnight after three hours 40 minutes.

Today's final set saw four breaks of service on the fast carpeted court before the West German came through to win 6-4.

West Germany later took a 2-1 lead when Becker and Eric Jelen beat Ken Flach and Robert Seguso 3-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 7-6 (7-3) in the doubles.

Nashwan sets record

ASCOT, England, July 22. (Reuters) Odds-on favourite Nashwan maintained his unbeaten record and completed a unique quartet of victories with a narrow triumph in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes horse race today.

Nashwan, at 9-2 on the shortest priced winning favourite in the history of the great race, was made to fight all the way by the Guy Harwood-trained Cacoethes before winning by a neck with the rest seven lengths away.

The win makes the Dick Hearn-trained colt ridden by Willie Carson the first horse to win the 2,000 Guineas, Epsom Derby, eclipse stakes and King George VI in the same season.

It also means Nashwan's

owner, Hamdan Al Maktoum, and family have now won every Group One race in England and Ireland except the English Oaks and Coronation Cup.

Jockey Michael Roberts sent 50-1 outsider top class into the lead on the turn for home but Carson coaxed Nashwan into a challenging position and they edged ahead before the furlong marker.

Then Greville Starkey pushed 6-1 shot Cacoethes into contention and looked like being successful until Nashwan fought back with tremendous courage to snatch the prize in the final strides. Top class finished third.

It was Hern's fifth success in the race and Carson's third.



Fignon shows his joy at retaining the overall lead. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fignon retains overall lead in Tour de France

L'ISLE D'ABEAU, France, July 22. (Reuters) Giovanni Fidanza of Italy won the 20th and penultimate stage of the Tour de France today in a mass sprint which saw no leadership changes before tomorrow's finale on the Champs Elysees.

The 138 riders took advantage of the short, flat 127-km ride from Aix les Bains to the new town of L'Isle d'Abeau near Lyon for a gentle outing in the oppressive heat.

Laurent Fignon of France retained the race leader's yellow jersey and preserved his 50-second advantage over American Greg Lemond before tomorrow's 24.5-km time trial from Versailles to Paris.

Fidanza, from Bergamo, was second to Dutch rider Mathieu Hermans in the only other mass sprint of this year's tour, the 11th stage from Luchon to Blagnac.

He came through to beat Jelle Nijdam of the Netherlands on the line. Nijdam, winner of two stages this year, broke first in the final straight, but could not quite hold on as the main pack finished in three hours 26 minutes 16 seconds.

Sean Kelly of Ireland, who recently lost his world number one ranking after seven years at the top, was third.

"It was very frustrating because this was my last chance of a stage win," Kelly said.

The Irishman had some consolation in achieving his main goal of the tour winning the green jersey as points winner for a record fourth time. Fignon now looks set to become only the sixth rider to win the Tour de France three times — he won it in 1983 and 1984 — and the sixth to win the tours of Italy and France in the same year.

But Lemond has not given up all hope of beating him. "There's little chance but I'll still be going for it," he said. "Fifty seconds isn't much, but two seconds a kilometre is a lot."

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